

This Book is for the Town of Bedford,
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Bought in the Year Annoque Domini 1773.
By John Reed Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the 1st Day of March AD 1773 after Solemn Prayer to God for Direction, Taking into our most Serious Consideration the melancholy State of the British Colonies in North America in General and of this Province in Particular. The Town Proceeded and made Choice of Deacon Stephen Davis John Reed Esq^r M^r John Webber Dat^t Joseph Ballard M^r John Moore M^r Joseph Hartwell and M^r Hugh Maxwell, to be a Committee to take our Grievances under Consideration & make Report at the next Town meeting. and at a Legal Meeting of the Votable Inhabitants of the Said Town of Bedford Convened (on adjournment) the 31st Day of May AD 1773. the Said Committee Report as follows. Viz that we are Possessed with the warmest Sentiments of Loyalty to the Sacred Person Crown & Dignity of our right & Lawful Sovereign King George the third, & to the Illustrious House of Hanover — and that the Inhabitants of this Province are by the Royal Charter Vested with full Power to raise money for the Support of Government, & to appropriate the Same as they shall think Proper. therefore the Parliament of Great Britain Laying taxes upon us is a Violation of the Compact Between the Grantor and the Grantees of the Province Charter — that the Crown Taking the Payment of our Governor out of our hands is a very Great Grievance. also Rendering the Judges of our Superior Court Independent on the People & altogether Dependant on the Crown Seems Calculated to Compleat our Ruin & Slavery. that the Illegal & Unconstitutional Stretch of Power put into the hands of the Court of Vice Admiralty Renders Precarious & Uncertain the Property of many of the Honest Industrious Inhabitants of this Province that we bear the Strongest Testimony against the Infringements & Violations of our Charter Liberties & Privileges — & that such oppressive & humiliating measures as his Majesty's ministers have Exercised the Inhabitants of this Province with have a Direct Tendency to alienate our affections from the Parent State and must if Persisted in with draw

our affections from them - and we Lament it that his Excel-
ency our Governor his Majesties Representative in his
Speeches & Messages to both Houses of Assembly in their
Last Session Endeavored to throw an odium on the Towns of
Boston & other Principal Towns in the Province and that
he should in so Public & Solemn a manner Testify to the world his
Disapprobation of the Innocent & Lawful Proceedings of Divers
Respectable Towns in this Province in the Cause of Constituti-
onal Liberty & Property thereby Endeavoring to represent the
Good People of this Province in an Unfavourable Light Before his
Majesties as of stirring up Unwarrantable Combinations & where
as we are far from stirring up any Combinations but only would
Testify to the world the sense we have of our Charter Rights &
the Infringements made thereon. we beg Leave to Recommend it
To our Great & General Assembly that they use their utmost
Endeavours that our Sovereign Lord the King may know the
True State of his Loyal Subjects Circumstances & Long born
Grievances and that they Leave no Stone unturned so that (if
Possible) there may once more be a Good Understanding and
Harmony subsisting between Great Britton & her Colonies
Especially this Province. we are not willing to Break with
with our Mother Country although we think we might
be justified in so Doing since they have taken from us
our Charter Rights & Properties without our Consent - we
Should Rejoice to See the Difficulties we Labour under removed
but if every method which Can be thought of for the removal
thereof should fail of Success. we are Ready to join with
our fellow Sufferers even to the rescue of our Lives and
fortins. rather than Give up our Constitutional Rights &
Charter Privileges, we Rejoice to See such a Union in our
Assembly at their Last Sessions - and we further recommend
it to our Hon^{ble} Assembly that they Strive to Increase the Present
agreeable Union there is between us & our Sister Colonies and
advise with them under our Present Difficulties as Ocasion
may Require, Believing that a Union throughout the
Continent ^{will} have the Greatest tendency under Providence

To our obtaining a Redress of our Grievances.
The Town Unanimously Accepted of the fore going Report and
Voted to have it Recorded upon the town Book and that a
Copy be Transmitted to the Town of Boston.

John Reed Town Clerk

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the 7th Day
of March A D 1774 the following Votes were Pass'd. Viz
M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator
M^r Oliver Reed Chosen Grand Juror.
Articles To Choose Town Officers for the the ensuing year.

Select men { Joseph Hartwell } sworn
 { Samuel Lane Jun^r } sworn
Town Clerk John Reed Sworn
Town Treas^r John Webber Sworn
Constables { Samuel Davis } sworn
 { John Lane & 3^d } sworn
wardens { John Moor } sworn
 { Benj Hulsehenson Jun^r } sworn
Surveyor John Webber Sworn
Surveyor of High ways { Timothy Lane }
 { Davis Titich } sworn
 { Deacon Davis } sworn
 { William Page } sworn
 { Job Lane } sworn

Tithing men { Edward Bump } sworn
 { James Davis } sworn
fence viewers { John Lane } sworn
 { Ebenezer Page } sworn
Hoy reavers { William Meriam } sworn
 { Samuel Lane } sworn
field drivers { Jonas Gleason } sworn
 { Samuel Davis } sworn
Scalers of Leather { Jeremiah Titich } sworn
Scalers of warts & measures { Benj Bacon } sworn
Deers reavers { Lemuel Blanchard } sworn
 { David Page } sworn

2^d Art To know whether the Swine shall go at large under the
Regulation of the Law this Present year, Voted in the
affirmative

The meeting was then adjourned till the Next Day at one
of the Clock in the afternoon, Tuesday 8th of March Meet
according to adjournment and Proceeded.

3^d Art To know how much Money the Town will Grant to repair
the High-ways this Present year Voted thirty pounds

4th Art To know in what Method the Town will Proceed in repair-
ing the High-ways. Voted to Proceed in the usual method

- 5 Art To know whether the Town will Do any thing in order To repair the Meeting house. Voted to repair it by Plaining Clabboarding and Shingling and then Voted to choose a Committee of three men for to make inquiry to know upon what terms they Can have Good Clabboard & Shingles and how many we Shall Need, or upon what terms any Body will Under take the whole repair, and make report at the Next town meeting, & then Receive further Instructions in order to repair it Moses Abbott John Lane & John Moor a Committee.
- 6 Art To know whether the town will Accept of a High-way through Williams^{Meriams} Land Near to Oliver Reed, two Rods wide the wall being the Bound upon the westerly side, where it was turned by his Father & has for Near Twenty years been Trod, — and if not whether they will Accept of a High-way through William Meriams Land two Rods wide Beginning Between John Meriams & William Meriams where it was Shown to us by Deacon Davis & others, and so Running the East Side of a Small white oak tree and the west Side of a Large rock till it Comes into the Road Neigh the westerly Corner of Oliver Reed's field, Voted in the affirmative to Accept of the High-way first mentioned.
- 7 Art To See if the town will take into Consideration a Late request of the Committee of Correspondance for the town of Boston & make any return to them. Voted in the affirmative, and then Voted not to Use any Tea untill the Duty was taken of and chose Deacon Stephen Davis John Reed & Joseph Haswell a Committee to make a return in behalf of the town.

At a General Meeting of the Freeholders & other ^{volubly} inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the 20 Day of May A 1774 the following Votes were Pass'd Vize

- 1 Art To See if the town will Elect & Depute a good & Lawfull Person to Serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

Deacon Benjamin Bacon Chapm Moderator

The fifth Article at the Last Annual Meeting Continued to this Meeting, is Now Continued to the Next Annual Town Meeting.

- 2 Art To know how much Money the town will Grant to Defray the Charge thereof this Present year Voted to Raise Forty pounds
- 3 Art To know in what Method the town will Proceed relating to the ^{ool}sch. Voted to have four month writing School keep in the school house, then Voted to appropriate Twenty two pound for the School, the remainder of the money besides the writing School to be Laid out for women Schools the Manner of keeping them is Continued to the Next Annual Town Meeting. Messrs Samuel Lane David Page Benjamin Bacon jr Eleazer Davis & James Wright a Committee to Provide the School
- 4 Art To see if the town will Choose a Constable instead of John Lane jr 3^d who is moved out of town. Voted & Choose his Father & he Paying fourteen Shillings the town Accepted it as half a turn for his Son & then Accepted of Mr James Wright to Serve as Constable, the town Paying him fourteen Shillings besides Mr Lane who is accordingly Sworn.
- 5 Art To See if the town will Give William Meriam the old Highway Near Oliver Reed in Exchange for the Highway the town Accepted at their Last Annual Meeting, from the Northerly End of the New way Round to the Souther End of the Same upon Conditions Said Meriam agrees with Oliver Reed so that he may be Accommodated as to a way. Pass'd over ^{a vote} without
- 6 Art To See if the town will Except of a Highway through William Meriams Land agreeable to a request of a Number of the Inhabitants of this town, which is as followeth To the Selectmen &c these are to Desire you Before you Give out your Warrant for the Next town Meeting. to Lay out a Highway or road two rods wide on the Land of W^m Meriam beginning at the way about Eight Rods East of the Said W^m House and Running Northerly to the way by Oliver Reed Aye field Coming out Near the Westly End of his bars. and insert it as an Article in your Warrants for the Next town Meeting. To See if the town will Except of the Said way in Exchange for & Giving the Said W^m the way on his Land Accepted by the town at the Last town Meeting, and also the old way from the bars leading to Oliver Reed's ^{House}

- or within two rods thereof to John Merriams Pasture bass, and so much of the way beyond as to make a straight line from the D John's bass to the said W^m Corner of the D W^m Land.
- Provided that the town be at no other Cost or Charge for the Land and Damages of the D way — Provided also that Oliver Reed have a way two rods wide on Land of W^m Merriams adjoining to his Land from ^{bury} the next to his house to the way at a maple tree in or near ^{his} Line, in exchange for the old way from thence to the road formerly Laid out by the town of Concord. Voted in the affirmative
- Art To See if the town will take any Method as to opening a Highway to the Bounds of Lincoln as the way goes by William Merriams Voted in the Negative
- Art To know the mind of the town whether the pew in the Meeting House now in the Improvement of David Fitch is his Property or the Towns Voted to Continue this Article to the Next Annual Town Meeting
- N B Those that requested the sixth Article ^{by signing} were Elephers Davis Joseph Meeds Joseph Converse Joseph Meed J^r W^m Merriams Nathaniel Merriams Oliver Reed & John Merriam opposed said request as being injured thereby and entered their dissent against it.

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Volable Inhabitants of this town Assembled y^e 30 Day of June D 1774 the following Votes were Passed Viz. M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator

Article To know and Determine what Measures are Proper to be taken at this Present time of Trouble & Distress, in respect to our Publick affairs, Being oppressed by an Act of a British Parliament for Blocking up the Harbour of Boston, and Likewise Proposing by a Bill brought into Parliament to take from us our Charter rights Privileges.

Voted Unanimously to Enter into the following Covenant and Accordingly Signed the Same Viz

We the Subscribed Inhabitants of this town having taken into our Serious Consideration the Precarious State of the Liberties of North America, and more Especially the Present Distressed Condition of this infatuated Province, embarrassed as it is by several acts of the British Parliament tending to the entire Subversion of our National and Charter rights; among which is

the act for blocking up the Harbour of Boston: and being fully
Sensible of our indispensable Duty to Lay hold on every means
in our Power to Preserve and recover the much injured Consti-
tution of our Country, and Conscious at the same time of no al-
ternative between the horrors of Slavery, or the Carnage and
Desolation of a Civil war, but a Suspension of all Commer-
cial Intercourse with the island of Great Britain: Do
in the Presents of God Solemnly and in Good faith Cove-
nant and Engage with each other, 1st, that from hence-
forth we will suspend all Commercial intercourse with
the said island of Great Britain untill the said act for
blocking up the said harbour be repealed, and restoration
of our Charter be obtained, or untill some other Measures
shall be concerted & agreed to by this Colony in general, and
2^{dly}, that these may be the less temptation to others to conti-
nue in the said now Dangerous Commerce, we do in like Man-
ner Solemnly Covenant that we will not buy, Purchase or Con-
sume, or suffer any person, by, for, or under us to purchase
or Consume, in any manner whatever, any Goods, wares or
Merchandise which shall arrive in America from Great
Britain aforesaid, from and after the Last Day of August
next ensuing, and in order as much as in us lies to prevent
our being Interrupted and Defeated in this only Peaceable
measure, entered into for the recovery and Preservation of
our rights, we agree to break off all trade, Commerce and
Dealings whatever with all Persons, who preferring their own
private Interest to the Salvation of their now Perishing
Country, shall still Continue to import Goods from Great
Britain, and such as shall purchase of those who do import
we will Consider as Enemies to their Country 3^{dly}, that
such Persons may not have it in their Power to impos-
upon us by any Pretence whatever, we further agree to Purch-
ase no Article of Merchandise from them or any of them,
who shall not have signed this or a similar Covenant, or
will not Produce on oath, Certified by a Magistrate to be
by them taken to the following Purpose: viz I of
in the County of Do Solemnly Swear
that the Goods I have now on hand and Paspoff for
Sale

have not, to the best of my knowledge, been imported from Great Britain into any port of America since the Last Day of August one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four, and that I will not Contrary to the spirit of an agreement entering into through this province import or Purchase of any Person so importing any Goods as aforesaid, untill the Port or Harbour of Boston shall be opened, and we are fully restored to the free use of our Constitutional and Charter rights. and,

Lastly we agree that after this or a similar Covenant has been offered to any Person and they refuse to sign it, or Produce the oath above, we will Consider them as Contumacious importers, and withdraw all Commercial connections with them, so far as not to Purchase of them any article whatever Imported as above said.

Then Voted and Choose a Committee of five men to make a Proper Return of these Proceedings and hold Correspondence with the Committee of other towns in behalf of this town as they shall judge it Necessary, untill the town shall otherwise order. Viz: Deacon Stephen Davis John Reed. M^r Joseph Haswell John Webber & John Moore

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Valuable
Inhabitants of this town on the 29 Day of August A 1774
the following Votes were Passd viz.

Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator

1st Act To See if the town will Choose a Committee to Defend the
Town instead of the Selectmen who are Cited to appear
at the Next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be
Holden at Concord on the Second Tuesday of September
Next, to shew Cause (if any they have) why the request
made by the overseers of the poor of the town of Woburn
Should not be Granted. Voted that M^{rs} John Moore
and Thomas Page join the Selectmen as a Committee
for the Purpose abovesaid

2nd Act To See if the town will Give the Committee of Correspondence
any Instructions, they being Desired to join in a meeting
of this County to Consider what is Proper to be Done at
this alarming Crisis. in respect to Several late Acts of
the British Parliament. Voted to Leave it with the Com-
mittee to Do as they Shall think Best.

At a General town meeting Legally Assembled on the
10 Day of October A 1774 the following Votes were Passd viz.
Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator

1st Act To See if the town will Choose one or more Delegates
to join with a Provincial Congress to be Holden at
Concord on the Second Tuesday of this month.

Voted in the affirmative, Provided the town was at no
more charge then they was money out for their Expence.
Accordingly Chose Doct Joseph Ballard & John Reed.

2nd Act To See if the town will Grant any Money in order to
repair the town Stock of Powder and other Ammunition
Voted in the affirmative & Granted Twelve pounds.

At a general Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the 18 Day of January D 1775 the following Votes were Passed

M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator

1. Art To See if the Town will Elect and Depute one or more members to represent them in a Provincial Congress to be held at ~~Cambridge~~ on the first Day of February Next Ensuing. Voted in the Negative
2. Art To See if it be the Mind of this town that the Money now in the hand of any Constable of this town Due to this Province (or yet to be Collected) Should be paid into the hands of Henry Gardner Esq^r of Stow agreeable to a resolve of the Provincial Congress. Voted in the affirmative

At a General town Meeting Legally Assembled on the 21 Day of January D 1775 the following Votes were Passed

Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator

1. Art. is by the Desire of a Number) To See if the town will receive for their Vote Passed Last Tuesday, and Elect one or more members to represent them in a Provincial Congress to be Held at Cambridge on the First Day of February Next Voted in the affirmative and made Chose of John Reed
2. Art To See if the town will make any reasonable Consideration to such as shall enlist as minute men, so that they may obtain the Skill of Compleat Soldiers. Voted to Continue this Article to the Next town Meeting
3. Art To See if the town will Choose a Committee of inspection as is recommended by the Congress. Voted in the affirmative and made Chose of M^{rs} Moses Abbott Thomas Page Ebenezer Page William Page John Reed Joseph Concash and Edward Hearn

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6 Art To know the mind of the town whether they will Establish
the High way that was proposed through William Merriam
Land and Accepted by the Town Last may agreeable to the
request of Deacon Davis and others, and is lately Bounded
out by two of the Selectmen, Voted in the affirmative
Oliver Reed Entered his Descent against it
- N B the Continued articles respecting the meeting house and one
of the^{pers} is Still Continued to next May Meeting
- 4 B the Second article Before the town the 27 Day of Last January
was Continued to this Meeting, and Now Voted to pay
twenty five Minute men one Shilling per week untill the
first of may Next they Exercising four hours in a week
and two shillings to be allowed two Officers they to Equip themselves
according to the advice of the Congress

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on
the 29th Day of May AD 1775. The following Votes were
passed, - Viz

- 1 Art To see if the Town will Elect & Depute one or more Mem-
bers to Represent them in a Provincial Congress to be
held at the Meeting House in Watertown on the 31st Day
of May Instant. Voted in the Negative. —
- Cap^t John Moore Chosen Moderator of Meeting.
- 2 Art To know how much money the Town will Grant to De-
fray the Charges thereof this present year.
- 3 Art To know in what method the Town will proceed relating
to a school. — Voted to Dismiss the two last mentioned
Articles till some future opportunity. —
- 4 Art To see if the Town will make Choise of a Selectman & Town
Clerk in stead of John Reed, who Desires to be Dismissed
by reason of his Ill estate, as to his Bodily Health. —
Voted in the affirmative, and made Choise of Stephen Davis
for a Selectman & Town Clerk. — who was Accordingly
Sworn as a Town Clerk & Asepor. —
- 5 Art To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to be over-
seers of the poor. — Voted in the affirmative, and made
Choise of Mess^{rs} John Merriam, John Lane, Josiah Davis,
Nehos Abbott, & Timothy Page, for that purpose. —
- 6 Art

6 Art. To see if the Town will Do any thing Relative to the High-ways. — Voted to leave it with the Selectmen, to give the Surveyors such Orders, respecting the Highways as they shall think proper. —

Note The article Respecting repairing the Meeting House, continued to this Meeting, — Voted to Dismiss it. —

Note The article Respecting the Pew, now in the use of David Fild (page 6) Voted Still to Continue it till the next Annual Town Meeting.

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the fifth Day of July AD 1775, and from thence continued to the Twelfth Instant. The following Article was Considered, Viz.

Art. To see if the Town will Elect & Depute one Good & Lawful person to serve for, and Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly, to be held & kept for the Service of the Colony of the Mass. Chusetts Bay, at the Meeting House in Watertown, upon Wednesday the Nineteenth Day of July AD 1775. — Voted in the Negative.

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the Twenty Sixth Day of October AD 1775, the following Votes were passed. Viz. Cap. John Moore Chosen Moderator of the Meeting.

1. Article To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray the Charges thereof, this Present year. — Voted Twenty-five pounds.

2. Art. To know in what Method the Town will Proceed Relating to the Schools.

1st Propose whether the Town will have any School; Voted in the Affirmative.

2^d Propose whether they would have a Writing School, and a Reading School as usual; Voted in the Negative.

3^d Propose whether there shall be a writing School kept one month, in each of the four quarters of the Town; provided that such quarter find a convenient place, and fire wood for the School, without any charge to the Town; but if not then such part of the School to be kept in the middle of the Town. — Voted in the Affirmative.

3. Art. To know the mind of the Town whether the Goods & other Estate of Edward Stevens late of Bedford Deceased, (besides paying his Debts & Charges) shall be given to his Relations, or such as Legals have the Care of them; — or whether the Town will Claim it as just property, and Vindicate the Cause if Contested. — Voted to Leave it with the Selectmen to Dispose thereof as they think proper. — See the Disposition in Page 14.

At a General Town-meeting Legally assembled on the fourth Day of January. AD 1776. — John Reed Esq^r was chosen Moderator; then the following Article was considered & acted upon. Viz.

To see what method the Town will take in Order to Supply the Continental Army with Wood, and Hay, according to what hath been, (or may hereafter be) required of the Town.

— Proposed & Voted to Choose a Committee for that purpose Viz. John Lane, Joseph Hartwell, Benjamin Hutchinson Jun^r, Christopher Page Jun^r, and William Page, which Committee accepted only of Supplying the wood. — which was then Required 6 cords Daily. — Voted also to give Mr. Ebenezer Page six Shillings & eight pence per Hundred (with what the Court allows) for two tons of English Hay, he carrying it to Cambridge Stores. —

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Bedford on the 23rd Day of February AD 1776.

Having ^{in Compassion} made a Tender of all the wearing Apparel of Edward Stevens, late of Bedford Deceased, unto the Selectmen of the Town of Ston^e, for the Use of the ^{poor} ~~poor~~ Relations, (who are under the Care of, and supported by that Town) and they not accepting thereof. —

The Selectmen therefore now Determine, that the ^{poor} ~~poor~~ Apparel, and all other, his Goods, shall be Sold at a publick Vendue; and that the Proceeds thereof; (Together with what is due to his Estate in Money, after all his Just Debts are paid) be put into the Treasury of the Town of Bedford, for the use of said Town. See the Town Vote, Page 13.

At a General Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabit
of the Town of Bedford Duly Qualified for Voting on
the forth Day of March A.D 1776 the following Vot^{rs} were
passed viz 1 Article to Choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

elect men	John Webber	jurors	Justice	Timothy Jones
	Joseph Harburt		viewers	John Lane sworn
	Cpt John Moore		assessors	Eleazer Davis sworn
	Lt John Meriam		assessors	Timothy Jones sworn
Town clerk	John Webber	jurors	assessors	William Maxwell sworn
	William Page		assessors	Stephen Harburt sworn
jurors	Abel Bowman	jurors	Field	Timothy Lane
	Timothy Johnson		viewers	Stephen Harburt sworn
jurors of High ways	John Lane	jurors	Sealer of Wrights & measures	James Wright sworn
	Thomas Page		Sealer of Leather	Oliver Peck sworn
	Christopher Page		Sealer of Leather	Jeremiah Fitch sworn
	William Meriam		Sealer of Leather	Stephen Harburt
jurors	William Page	jurors	Sealer of Leather	Joseph Needs
	Eleazer Page		Sealer of Leather	Joseph Needs
jurors	Samuell Lane	jurors	Sealer of Leather	Joseph Needs
	James Wright		Sealer of Leather	Joseph Needs

the town met at one of the clock and Passed the following
2 Art^y To know whether the wine shall go at large under the Rega
- lation of the Law this present year voted in the affirmative
3 Art To know in what manner the town will Repair the Highways
and Bridges this present year Voted in the usual way
Voted this by pounds to Repair the Highways this present year
Proposed and voted to Choose
over-seers of the poor for
this present year consisting
of five men viz
John Lane & Timothy Jones
Christopher Page
Oliver Reed
Jeremiah Fitch
Voted with standing that the
former over-seers of the poor for 1775
should officiate till the first of April
1776
Voted to Choose a committee of Correspondence
by written Vot^{rs} five in number
viz Do Joseph Ballard & Stephen Davis
Benjamin Hutchinson & Eleazer Davis
Eleazer Page

Note the article Respecting the Poor now in the use of David
Fitch (page 6) Voted still to continue till the next annual
Town Meeting

16 Bedford May the 20th 1776

At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on D. Day the following votes were Pass'd viz:

1. Art. To know if the Town will Elect, and Depute one or more members to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and Generall Court to be held at winter town within the affirmative main choice of John Red B. to Serve for and Represent the Town this present year.
2. Art. To know if the Town will proceed to the choice of some most person for Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex; and then proceed to casting in their votes.
mod. John moor Chosen moderator for S^d meeting.
3. Art. To know if the Town will Repair the pound or Rebuild it Voted to Repair the pound: and then Chose a Committee for that purpose. John Red B. Joseph Converse Thomas Page Committee

At a General Town meeting Legally assembled on the Seventeenth Day of June AD 1776 ^{Stephen} Davis was Chosen Moderator, then the following Article was Considered & acted upon viz a Resolve of the said House of Representatives passed on the tenth of May AD 1776 that the inhabitants of Each town in this colony ought in full meeting warned for that purpose, to advise the person or persons who should be Chosen to Represent them in the next Generall Court—whether, should the honorable Congress, for the safety of the said Colonies Declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain: Voted that we the said inhabitants will solemnly Engage, with our lives and fortunes to Support them in the measure

At a general Town meeting assembled on the fourth Day of July AD 1776

mod. Joseph Hartwell Chosen moderator then the following article was Considered and acted upon viz

To see if the Town will Give any further incouragement, more than the Generall Court has already Given, to such as shall enlist into the service of the Continent, or any other measure that the Town shall think best in order to procure the men that this town is now called upon for at this time.

Proposed and voted to Add to the Bounty Given by the Generall Court to Each Man Recruited in this town that shall enlist viz Six pounds ten Shillings and Eight pence all to be paid the Soldier when he shall be paid the money or given his discharge. Voted that if a commissioner shall be

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Bedford October the 10th 1776

At a General Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the Day the following Votes were
Obed Viz— John Reid Moderator

Art To know how much money the town will Grant to Defray town charges this present year Voted (thirty pounds —)

Art To know in what maner the town will proceed Relating the School Voted three months writing School to be kept in School house —

Voted Twelve pounds of the above Grant for a womans School to be Equally divided to fore quarters of the town —

Voted five men for a school committee viz— Samuel Lane William Meriam, Seth Sattmarsh, Eleazer Davis, James Wright

3 Art Then considered and acted upon a Resolve of the Representatives passed on September the 17th 1776 of this State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England whether this Town will give their (consent) that the present Representatives together with the Council if they consent in one body with the house and by Equal Voice should consent, agree on, and Enact such a constitution and form of government, for this State as the House of Representatives and Council, as aforesaid on the most mature Deliberation shall judge will most conduce to the Safety, peace and happiness of this State in all after Successions and Generations —

Voted That they should proceed agreeable to the Resolve with giving this town a copy of their proceedings for the inspection and perusal of the inhabitants, before the Ratification thereof by the assembly

18th At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of
The Town of Bedford on the Thirtieth Day of Decr. AD 1776
The following Votes were passed viz — Stephen Davis Moderator

- 1st Resolved if the Town will (upon the Request of several Persons, Raise
money by Tax on the poles and Estates of the inhabitants of this town
to defray all Charges arising on this Town in consequence of being
called upon for men in Defense of this or the other States of America
since this unnatural war commenced (or any other measure that the
Town shall think proper) then proposed and voted the following measure
viz
- 1st That the cost of Hiring Soldiers for the Defense of the Country at several
times that the Town has been sent to War in the year past shall be
made a General Town Charge, with the County voted by the Town
before inquiry AD 1776
- 2nd Voted That those men that have personally done a Turn for this Town
in any of the campaigns with ought any hire or pay there for.
shall be allowed & paid so much as the amount of an Everidge with
those that were hired for such campaigns —
- 3rd Voted That the above mentioned grant shall be assessed in one separate
List or Column on all the Rateable poles and Estates in this Town
Excepting those that have otherwise done a Turn (and to be committed
to the Constables with the other Town Rates for the present year
to be collected in order to Repay (as soon as may be) those that
have hired Soldiers or done personal Service as above said
- 4th Voted To choose a Committee to take an account of the above mentioned
Charges and lay the same before the Assessors for Assessment
Com^{rs} with D^r. Stephen Davis (C^t Edward Barnes (William Page &
C^t John Moor (Samuel Lane jun^r

2nd Resolved if the Town will grant any money in order to
Repair Town Stock of powder & other Ammunition
Voted Twenty pounds to Repair the Town Stock of powder &c

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Rateable Inhabitants of the
Town of Bedford on the twenty 4th Day of February AD 1777
The following Vote was passed viz John Moore Moderator

- 1st Resolved if the Town will (upon the Request of several Persons) Raise
Money to defray all Charges arising on this Town in consequence of being
called upon for men in Defense of this or the other States of America
since this unnatural war commenced (or any other measure that the
Town shall think proper) then proposed and voted the following measure
viz
- 1st That the cost of Hiring Soldiers for the Defense of the Country at several
times that the Town has been sent to War in the year past shall be
made a General Town Charge, with the County voted by the Town
before inquiry AD 1776
- 2nd Voted That those men that have personally done a Turn for this Town
in any of the campaigns with ought any hire or pay there for.
shall be allowed & paid so much as the amount of an Everidge with
those that were hired for such campaigns —
- 3rd Voted That the above mentioned grant shall be assessed in one separate
List or Column on all the Rateable poles and Estates in this Town
Excepting those that have otherwise done a Turn (and to be committed
to the Constables with the other Town Rates for the present year
to be collected in order to Repay (as soon as may be) those that
have hired Soldiers or done personal Service as above said
- 4th Voted To choose a Committee to take an account of the above mentioned
Charges and lay the same before the Assessors for Assessment
Com^{rs} with D^r. Stephen Davis (C^t Edward Barnes (William Page &
C^t John Moor (Samuel Lane jun^r

Notes added Chosen Ground guiron

At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the
 Twelfth Day of May ¹⁷⁷⁷ The following Articles were considered
 1st That the Town will elect a Committee of five men
 And David H. person to Represent them at the next
 Congress and that this present year elected in the Affirmative
 2nd That the Town will consider and act upon a Resolution
 of the great and general Court of the 5th May 1777
 Concerning the great and general Court forming a Constitution
 of government as they in their wisdom shall think best
 Voted in the Affirmative

3rd That the Town will choose a Committee to receive
 Donations and Contributions for a school in the Town
 and in person Voted in the Affirmative, the Committee chose
 Mr. Joseph Hartwell John Wellber Ebenezer Lane
 Samuel Wright

At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the
 Twelfth Day of Nov^r: AD 1777 The following
 Articles were considered Viz: 1st John Moore chosen Moderator
 1st To know what Measures the Town will provide relating to the
 School, Voted that the writing ^{books} to be kept, five weeks in
 fore quarters of the Town, Each quarter at the Town
 To find a convenient House and Firewood upon each quarter
 Cost Clear of the Town charge, and if not then the School to
 Return to the Town School house, Voted also twenty pounds for
 the woman school to be kept in the fore quarters of the Town
 Then chose a Committee, to provide School master & School mistress
 Viz: Mrs. John Lane, John Bacon, John Meriam, Timothy Jones
 Moses Abbot

2nd To know how much Money the Town will grant to Defray
 the charges of the Town this present year, Voted Eighty, seven
 Including the grant for the woman school

3rd To know whether the Town will grant Money to pay the Bounty
 given, to the Soldiers, called for at several Times in the year
 1777 Voted in the Affirmative, also Voted to Enact of
 the Receipt of the Committee, chose in March annual
 Meeting to give the continental Soldiers for three
 years or during the war with the Interest for the money
 they hired for the continental Soldiers, paid to the 1st of

Voted three hundred Seventy Seven Pounds three Shillings &
three pence with the interest that is due on said money For the use
of hiring the continental Soldiers and the Bounty given to those
men that have bin called for several Campaigns and are at Falmouth
Viz For the continental Soldiers. Aker £ 236-10-0
For the Bounty to y^e Rhode Island men 22-10-0
For Bounty to y^e men that went to Burlington 48-0-0
For one man regard the continental Aker 6-0-0
For the hiring Day men to join the continental army 24-0-0
Voted to allow Joseph Conware for hiring y^e continental men 3-19-0
Voted to allow Eliazer Davis for hiring continental men - 0-12-0
Voted to keep the Aker arms & Gunlocks Lead and flints
to be deposited in the Town as a Town stock and the cost of
and the cost of them is thirty five pounds twelve
Shillings & three pence undir included in the above grant } 35-12-3
377-3-3
Voted to know if the Town will accept of the Superior Box for
furmen and the Inferior Box for furmen as Regulated by
the Select^{men} for the Town of Bedford Voted in the Affirmative
Viz the above Fire arms was proportioned to y^e Town of Bedford
by the Generall Court

22) At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other
Notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled
on the second Day of March A.D. 1778 the Following Votes were
Passed Viz. ^{Chosen Moderator} John Moor ^{Grand Juror} John Moor
1. Art To choose Town officers for the ensuing year

John Webster	} Sworn	} Committee of Correspondence & Safety
Joseph Hartwell		
Edward Hearn		
William Page		
Timothy Jones	} Sworn	} Committee
John Lane		
Moses Alcott		
Joseph Conners		
William Meriam	} Sworn	} Committee
Samuel Wright		

2. Art John Webster sworn } Town Treasurer William Page sworn }

3. Art Oliver Pollard } both sworn
Samuel Bacon } both sworn

Matthew Litch	} Sworn	} Sitting Men	} Christopher Page } sworn
David Bacon			
Stephen Davis			
Stephen Hartwell } sworn			
Nathaniel Page } sworn			
Isaac Putnam	} Sworn	} High Riders	} John Webster } sworn
Ma. Lapham			
Anna Lane			
Samuel Davis			
Samuel Lane			
Oliver Bacon	} Sworn	} Drivers	} Samuel Davis } sworn
Samuel Lane			
Oliver Bacon			
Samuel Davis			
Samuel Lane			

4. Art of weights & Measures James Wright sworn Seal & feather Jer. Litch sworn

5. Art Benj. Mulchinton } both sworn
Stephen Hartwell } both sworn

6. Art To know whether y^e Swine shall go at Large, under ^{Regulation of the} the new this
present year, Voted in the Affirmative.

7. Art To know in what Manner y^e Town will Repair the high ways and
bridges this present year, Voted Six Shillings per Day for a man at
the high ways from y^e tenth of May to y^e last of September
and Four Shillings per Day for a man and two Shillings per Day
for a cart, and after the last of September half pay for y^e
Rest of y^e year, for Labour as above & open & cart
And to Repair the high ways in y^e usual way

8. Art To know how Much money y^e Town will grant to Repair the
High ways this present year Voted Eighty pounds this present year

9. Art To know whether the Town will Sell any of y^e Town Stock of
Fire Armes and Gun Locks or any part of them
Voted to Sell y^e Armes and Gun Locks to the inhabitants
of y^e Town of Bedford at a Vendue on y^e 9th Day of March 1778

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other
Votable inhabitants And such as are free and twenty one years of
age of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the First Day
of May the following votes were passed Viz — A.D. 1778

John Reed Esqr Chosen Moderator

1. ^{Art} is a constitution and Form of Government For the State of Massachusetts
Bay

2. ^{Art} To know whether the town will Upon the Request of G.^d Reed M.^r
Joseph penniman, Grant any Sum of Money in addition to his
Stated Salary for one year, by Reason of the high prices of Every
Necessary Article, then the Town Voted to add to the said Mr. penne-
man's Salary From the twenty second Day of May A.D. 1778 For
one year Following Sixty six pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence

3. ^{Art} To know whether the Town will Make good to Reed M.^r Joseph
penneman nine pounds Bad Money paid him by the collector, as part of
his Salary for the year 1777 with the Inbriest that he has paid by Reason
of said money with sumis nine pounds ten Shillings, then the Town
Voted to Make good to Mr. penneman the aforesaid nine pounds ten Shillings.

4. ^{Art} To know whether the town will Sell the Real Estate belonging to
William pellham, For his necessary Support, And if the town think best
to Sell it, then to Direct how and in what Manner it shall be conveyed
then the town took it under their consideration, And Voted to Leave the
Affair to the Select Men to Enquire into the affair and if they think best
to Sell the Estate as soon as May be

5. ^{Art} To know the minds of the town whether the Tax set to this town
For Defraying the publick Charge, with sumis £ 5. 68. 10. 10 Shall
be proportioned by the List ordered to be taken y^e First Day of
November Last, or whether the town will take a new List, or
any othe way that the Town shall think best For said Tax
to be assessed and collected, the town then Voted to Dismiss this
Article, and the List Article Continued till the Next Town
Meeting

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Notable Inhabitants of y^e Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the Seventh Day of May A.D. 1778
y^e Following votes were passed viz — John Reed Esq^r Moderator
1st To know Minds of the Town, how and in what way and manner they will take in order to procure this towns quota of Continental Men for three years or during the war) then Voted to continue the Meeting to y^e Eleventh Day of May ^{next} & then Left the procuring the three year Men or during the war As above to the Committee (Held in March A.D. 1777) Also chose a Committee to hire four Men to join the Continental Army to the Southward at the North River ^{for Eight months} and three Men to join Gen^l Washingtons Army for Nine Months towards Philadelphia
y^e Committee John Reed Esq^r Moses Abbott. Stephen Hartwell and Samuel Davis. Jeremiah Fitch Jun^r (and also Voted that Town Treasurer pay the Money to the Soldiers that y^e above S^d Committee shall hire & borrow money for that purpose & provide or give his Security) and then the Meeting continued by adjournment to y^e 13th Day of May 1778) and then y^e Town took under their consideration a Constitution & Form of Government as it was continued to this Meeting, and Voted to Still to continue the Form of Government till y^e Town think best to act upon it

At a General Town Meeting of y^e Freeholders & other Notable Inhabitants of y^e Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the 14th Day of May A.D. 1778

The Following Vote was passed viz —

To Let the Town will Elect & Depute one Good and Lawfull Person to Live for and Represent them at the Grant and Livery Court this present year Voted in the Negative

At a General Town Meeting Of the Freeholders & other notable
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled
on the Twelfth Day of October¹⁷⁷⁸ and continued by adjourn-
ments to the ~~twentieth~~ Day of November A.D. 1778
the Following Votes were passed. Viz John Reed Esqr. Chas^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}
Art To know in what Manner the Town will proceed Relating to school
Voted to keep the Wrighting School in y^e Town School house three Months
also Voted Six weeks woman school to be kept in Each of the
Four quarters of the Town also Chose a committee to provide school
Master & Mistress Viz John Reed Esqr. Cpt. Edward. Farmer &
J^r. John Merriam Josiah Davis Nathaniel Pappan
Art To know how much Money the Town will grant to pay
the ordinary Charges of the Town this present year Voted
to Raise one hundred & Eighty Pounds £180-0-0

3 Art To know whether the Town accept of & allow the accounts
of the Military officers & Committees for hiring Soldiers &
Paying Counters at several Campaigns since the Town was
put upon an average which sum is sixteen hundred thirty
Pounds nine shillings Voted in the affirmative £1630-9-0
Also Voted one hundred pounds to pay y^e Interest
of the above sum
Also Voted to pay for the service of the Town £100-0-0

4 Art To know in what way & Manner the Town will proceed Relating
to several Towers of Duty either personal or by hiring Men
their Hads in the Army for the Defence of the American states
since the Town was put upon an average the time they were
in the service and where Distined Viz
The Town took this Article under their Consideration and
and chose a committee to examine into the Campaigns & Report
And then the Town Voted as follows Viz

- 1 The first Tower of Duty to Rod Island May y^e 1777 two months
thru Men the Town voted nothing as a town bounty
- 2 Tower to Benington August 21st 1777 three Months thru Eight Men
Then Voted to Each man 15 pounds £120:0:0
- 3 Tower to Lake and Guard hom the Convention Troops Eight men
Voted to Each Man 2 pounds Sept 1777 30 day men 16=0:0
- 4 Tower the Men went to Boston with Cpt. Farmer
Five Men February 1778 Throe Months £12 Each Man 60-0-0
- 5 Tower the Men went to Cambridge with Cpt. More
Eight men thru Months Apr. 1778 £11 Each man 88-0-0
John Reed went to Rod Island Voted to be allowed
the same as the Men that went with Cpt. Farmer 9-0-0

5 Art To know if the Town will Proceed to the Chis or some other
Person for Treasurer for this County Voted in the affirmative
the Town Voted to have the several Grants Chis in one list given
on the Inhabitants

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At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other
Valable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled, in the Twenty Seventh Day of January A.D. 1779
The following Votes were passed Viz Joseph Harbottle Moderator
1. Art To know Whether it be the Mind of the Town that y^e Assessors
For the year 1778 in Assessing of the Town Grants shall Govern
Them selves, as to the Real & personal Estates taking by them in
May Last, According to the Rules & Directions of the Last
Annual Tax Bill, or any other way or Manner that the Town
Thinks best for the Grants to be assessed, Voted that the Taxes at
sums of Money granted, to be assessed by the Valuation Taken in
May 1778 Real and personal Estate, also voted to Rate the Polls
That are within years old, from the first of Dec^r 1778
 2. Art To know Whether it be the Mind of the Town to sell to the
Inhabitants of this Town a number of Fire Armes proportioned
to this Town by the Grant & General Court, As is Eight Fire Armes
Voted to sell the Fire Armes to y^e highest Bidder
 3. Art To know Whether the Town will, upon the Request of Mr. Job
Lane, Abate his War Rates, committed to Abel Bowman, for y^e year
1776 and committed to Will^m Page for y^e year 1777
or do any thing upon his Request that the Town thinks best
Voted, to Abate, Mr. Job Lane the one half of his War Rate committed
to Abel Bowman, & to pay the other half
 4. Art To know Whether the Town will upon the Request of Mr. Stephen
Harbottle, Allow him, a Sum in Equal proportion to those that
hired Men in the Canada Campaign in July A.D. 1777
For a man that he hired, Voted in the Affirmative.
 5. Art To see if the Town will Give the Militia officers of this Town
Instructions how & in what way and Manner, they shall
Proceed in procuring Men, for the Service of the United States
of America when this Town shall be called upon for Men, or
any other way or Manner that the Town thinks best
to procure Men when called for, for the Service of this or any
of the United States Voted for the Commission officers to hire Men
Usual By hiring till next March Meeting, then Voted
to continue the same article to March Meeting
- Nathan Kelley Bond to the Town committed to the Town Treasurer
September 4. 19th 1791

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other ^{able} ~~able~~
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled, on the
First Day of March A.D. 1779. The following Votrs. Were Resolved viz
J^{ts} John Merriam chosen Moderator of said Meeting
M^r Thomas Page chosen Grandjuror

1. Art. To choose Town officers for the Ensuing year
John Webber
Joseph Hartwell }
Edward Mearnes } sworn }
William Merriam }
Jeremiah Fitch }
Committee }
John Merriam }
Christopher Page }
David Page }
Samuel Lane }
John Lane }

Town Clerk John Webber } sworn & Town Treasurer } William Page } sworn
Nothing }
Men - { Edward Mearnes } sworn { Sealers of weight & measure } Samuel Wright } sworn
{ Nathaniel Page } sworn { Sealers of Leather & Jeremiah Fitch } sworn

Surveyors of Highways }
John Fitch }
Thomas Page }
Jenos Glibson }
Nathaniel Merriam } sworn }
Eliaser Davis }
John Reed Esqr }
Field Drivers }
Samuel Lane }
Timothy Lane } sworn }
Thaddeus Dean }

Constables }
Silver Bacon } sworn }
David Reed } sworn }
Surveyors of Tumbles }
Silver Colhard } sworn }
Deavers }
Stephen Hartwell } sworn }
Matthew Fitch }

Highways } Samuel Merriam & Joshua Holt

2. Art. To know the Mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go at Large this present year, under the Regulation of the Law Voted in the affirmative.
3. Art. To know how much Money the Town will Grant to Repair the Highways, this present year, Voted two Hundred pounds. & c. & c.
4. Art. To know in ^{what} Manner y^e Town will proceed in Repairing the Highways this present year; Voted to proceed in the same Manner as last year. Voted to raise the Wages as followeth viz For a man Eight pence Shilings per Day, From the tenth of May to 1st Last of September, and Twelve Shilings per Day for oxen, and Eight Shilings per Day for a cart, and after the Last Day of Sept^r shall pay the rest of y^e year; A continued Article to this Meeting From a Town Meeting on the ~~th~~ th ~~th~~ th Day of January 1779 Voted to be still continued till Next Town Meeting, and for the Comptroller officer to give men as Voted on said Article if need

2^d At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders &
other Inhabitant of the Town of Bedford
legally assembled on the Twentieth Day of May 1819
The following Votes were passed viz

1st Art. To see if the Town will Elect and Depute a good and
Lawfull person to serve for & Represent them at
the Court & General Court this this present year
Voted in the Negative

2^d Art. To know whether the Town will chuse at this time to have
a New Constitution or Form of Government
After Mature Consideration it was decided in the Negative
By thirty five & one in the Affirmative

3^d Art. To know whether the Town will empower their Representatives
For this present year, to Vote for the Calling a State Convention
For the Sole Purpose of forming a New Constitution,
Provided it shall appear to them, on Examination, that
a Major Part of the People present and voting at Meetings
Called in the Manner and for the purpose before said, shall
Have answered the first question in the Affirmative =

4th Art. To see if the Town will upon the Request of the Revd Mr.
Joseph Pennessman, Grant him any sum of Money
in addition to his Stated Salary for one year; or
to consider him in any other way or Manner that
The Town thinks Best

Then the Town voted to make the Revd Mr. Pennessman's
Salary for one year following with his
Stated Salary sixty four pounds thirteen Shillings &
Six pence the sum of five Hundred pounds & 10/-
For the year following £ 500-

Continued. 1st Voted that the Militia officers
Chief Soldier as usually and shall continue
till the next Town Meeting

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders &
Other Votable, Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
Legally assembled on the Eighth & tenth Day of
June A.D. 1779 The Following Votes were passed Viz—
Ar.^t To know the Mind of the Town, How and in what
Manner they will proceed, in procuring Men, For
the Service, of the United States, that this Town is
Now called upon For agreeable to the Resolves & Orders
Rescued By C^pt John Moore
C^pt John Moore (Chosen Moderator) After Manner
Consideration the Town voted as followeth Viz—
To Hire Men by hiring voted to, all to the Commission
officers three Men, As, & commit to hire Men when called
For, untill such time as the said Town shall otherwise
Order) Committe C^pt John Moore L^{ft} Elizer Davis
L^{ft} Christopher Page Moses Abbott Timothy Jones
& Jonas Glison

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders &
Other Votable, Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford—
Legally assembled on Fourth Day of August A.D. 1779
Ar.^t To know wheather the Town will take under their
Consideration the Proceedings of the Convention begun
and held at Concord on the 14 Day of July A.D. 1779
and Enter into such Measures as they may think necessary
to Give, Force to and Carry into, Eff^t the said Resolves
and Regulations, as will appear by the Copy of proceedings
of said Convention; After Reading the Several Resolves
The Town voted to Except of the said Resolves and
Regulations as they stand; Copy of said Convention proceeding
and also chose a Committee to see that said Resolves are
not Violated Viz the Committee of Correspondence with
the Addition of Five Men Viz John Webster John Reed Esq^r
Stephen Davis & J^s Edward Stearns chose for the purpose
Above mentioned

2 Ar.^t To know wheather the Town will Elect a Delegate for the
sole purpose of Framing a new Constitution or Form of
Government, to Meet at Cambridge in the County of
Middlesex on the first Day of September Next agreeable to
a Resolve of the General Court of this State. Said June 14th
1779 Voted in the affirmative Viz John Reed Esq^r to attend
said Convention

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other
 Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, lawfully
 assembled on the Tenth Day of Novem^r. AD 1779 —
 The following Vot^s were passed Viz —

1st John Moore Moderator

1st To know in what Manner the Town will proceed Relating the School
 then ~~was~~ voted to have y^e. Brighting School kept in the Town School
 House three Months & the woman school to be kept six weeks
 in each of the four quarters of y^e. Said Town

2nd To know how much Money the Town will Grant to Defray the
 Ordinary Charge of the Town this present Year
 Voted Eight Hundred Pounds £ 800-0-0

3rd To know whether the ^{Town} will allow the accounts
 of the Committee, in Hiring Soldiers, for the
 Service of the United States from the time they
 were chosen to this Day, Vot^s in Affirmative
 and is as followeth Viz —

amongst the persons
 Henry Schooling
 Samuel Lane
 David Fitch
 Nathaniel Marston
 Simon May, Sons
 Abramiah Smith, and

First Tower of Duty to Rodisland
 Two men 39 pounds Each Man £ 78-0-0

Second Tower To Rodisland two Men
 @ 48 Bushel of Indian Corn Each £ 64 0-0
 Viz — 96 Bushels @ 6 p^{er} bushel

3rd Tower To the North River three
 Men Two of y^e. 2^d Men to have 300 pounds
 Each 600-0-0

The 3^d Man to Have in cash 138-0-0
 And 34 bushels of Indian Corn @ 4^{pence} 4^{pence} 9-0-0

4th Tower two Men to Boston — £ 15-0-0
 To have 25 two pound ten Shillings p^{er} Man

5th Tower Six Men to Charwick. £ 640-0-0
 @ Eighty pounds p^{er} Month to Each
 Man one month & a third of a month to Each man

To know if the Town will Grant Money to pay y^e. a Cover ^{with y^e. Substance} Compt^r —

4th To select Men, to act such a Sum to y^e.

Above account as they shall think necessary
 To pay the said till such time as the above Soldier
 Account may be paid & collected; Then y^e. Town Meeting

was continued by an adjournment till Monday y^e. twenty Second Day
 of this 11th. Novem^r. at the Clock on 2^d Day; To consider and act upon y^e.

5th To know whether the Town will take under the consideration the
 Proposition of y^e. Convention begun and held at Concord in y^e. State of y^e. Massachus^{setts}
 on y^e. 1st. Day of October AD 1779 and then to act upon the same at
 the Town Meeting & Entertain such Measures as the Town may then think best
 The Town Meet adjourned to y^e. 4th. adjournment and then voted to continue this

The above account is given by the
 Committee of the Town, and is
 correct, and is the same as the
 original.

In Congress July 4th 1776
A Declaration; by the Representatives of the United
States of America, in Congress Assembled

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary
for one people to dissolve the political bands which have
connected them with another, and to assume among the
powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station to which
the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent
respect to the opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare
the causes which impel them to the separation,
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created
equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and
the pursuit of Happiness:— That to secure these Rights, Governments
are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from
the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government
becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People
to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying
its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in
such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to Effect their
Safety and Happiness, Prudence, indeed, will dictate that
Governments long Established should not be changed for light
and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn,
that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are
sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms
to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of Abuses
and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, brings
a Relation to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right
it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide
new Guards for their future Security, such has been the patient
Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains
them to alter their former Systems of Government, The History of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain is a History of repeated Injuries
and usurpations, all having in direct ^{object} the Establishment of an
absolute Tyranny over these States, To prove this, let Facts be submitted
To a candid World, He has refused his assent to Laws, the most wholesome
and necessary for the public Good, He has forbidden his Governors to pass
Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless he should be
in their Session until his assent should be obtained; and then
to suspend, He has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation
of Large Bodies of People, unless those people would
be inquisitors the Right of Representation. ~~He has refused~~
~~to pass other Laws for the Accommodation~~
in the Legislature, a Right inalienable to them, and formidable
to Tyrants only. He has called together Legislative Bodies at
Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository
of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them
into compliance with his Measures. He has debased representation
itself by, for opposing with Manly Firmness his
Locations on the Right of the people.
He has refused for a long time, after such Resolutions,
to cause a new Election; whereby the Legislative powers
incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at
Large for their Exercise; the State remaining in the mean
time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without,
and Corruptions within. He has endeavored to divert the
Population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the
Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others
to encourage their Migration hither, and raising the Condition
of New Appropriations of Lands. He has obstructed the admi-
nistration of Justice, by enjoining his Agent to Laws for Establishing
Judiciary, Juries, He has made Judges dependent on his Will
alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the amount and
Payment of their Salaries; He has created a Multitude of new
Officers, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our
People, and eat out their Substance. He has kept standing
in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of
our Legislature. He has affected to render the Military
independent of, and superior to Civil Power.
He has combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction
Foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws,
giving his Agent to their Act of pretended Legislation.
For quartering Large Bodies of armed Troops among us:
For protecting them, by a Mock Trial, from punishment for any
Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these
States. For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the World:
For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent. For depriving us,
in many Cases, of the Benefit of Trial by Jury. For transporting
us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences.

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in an neighbouring
Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and
Enlarging its Boundaries, to take under it at once an Example
and fit Instrument for introducing the same. Absolute Rule
into these Colonies, (striking away our charters, abolishing
our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms
of our Government; for suspending our own Legislatures, and
Declaring them silent in cases with power to legislate for us
in all cases whatsoever.) He has abdicated Government here, by
Declaring us out of his protection and waging War against us,
He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns,
and destroyed the lives of our people, (He is, at this time, -
transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete
the works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun
with Circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled
in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the head
of a civilized Nation;) He has constrained our fellow-citizens
taken captive on the high Seas, to bear arms against their
Country to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren,
or to sell themselves by their hands.) He has excited Domestic
Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on
the Inhabitants of our Borders, the merciless Indian Savages,
whose known Rule of Warfare is an undistinguished Destruction
of all Ages, Sexes, and Conditions, in every Stage of these
Oppressions we have petitioned for Redress, in the most humble
Terms: Our repeated petitions have been answered only by
Repeated Injury! - A Prince whose Character is thus marked
by every Act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the
Ruler of a free people.) Nor have we been wanting in
Attention to our British Brethren, We have have warned
them from time to time of Attempts by their Legislature
to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us, We have
reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and
Settlement here, We have appealed to their native Justice and
Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our
common Kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would
inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence,
They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and Conscience
- We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity of our
separating our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest
of Mankind, Enemies in War; in peace, Friends,

Therefore, the Representatives of America in General
Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of
The world for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the
Name and by the Authority of the good people of these
Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United
Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, free and Independent
States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the
British Crown; and that all political Connection between
them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be totally
dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have
Full Power to Levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances,
establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things
which Independent States may of Right do, and for the
Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the
Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge
to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred
Honor —

Signed by order and in behalf
of the Congress John Hancock, President,

Attest Charles Thompson Secretary
in Council, July 17th 1776.

Ordered, that the Declaration of Independence be printed
and a Copy sent to the Ministers of each parish, of every
Denomination, within this State; and that they severally
be required to read the same to their respective
Congregations, as soon as divine service is ended,
in the Afternoon, on the first Lord's-Day after they
shall have received it: — And after such publication
there of, to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks
of their several Towns, or Districts; who are hereby
required to record the same in their respective
Town, or District Books there to remain as a perpetual
Memorial thereof

In the Name, and by Order of the Council

R. Kerley, our President

True Copy Attest John Avery Dep. Sec'y.

True Copy Attest John Webster Town Clerk

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Volatile
Inhabitants; of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled, on the
Sixth Day of March A.D. 1780 the following Vot^s were
Passed Viz. Dea. Stephen Davis (Chosen Moderator of Meeting—
Leut. Eleazer Davis (Chosen Grandjuror
1st At to chosse Town officers for the Ensuing Year
Select men & assessors { John Meriam }
William Page }
William Meriam } sworn }
James Wright }
Joseph Converse }
Committee of Correspondence & Safety { Capt John Webber }
Joseph Hartwell }
Capt Edward Mearns }
Jeremiah Hitchman }
Thomas Page }

Town Clerk William Meriam } Town Treasurer { James Wright }
Constables { Jonas Gleason } sworn { Sealers of Weights & Measures } David Hitch }
Samuel Hartwell } Sealers of Leather } Jeremiah Hitch }
Tithing Men { David Reed } sworn { Field } David Bacon } sworn
Moses Abbott } Drivers } James Lane }
Deers { Samuel Meriam } sworn { Hags } Gershom Flag Lane } sworn
Reavers { Samuel Bacon } { reave } Shaddocks Davis }
Surveyors of Lumber { Oliver Pollard } sworn { Samuel Lane } sworn
General Viewers Capt John Morris & Israel putnam } sworn
2nd At to know whether the Swine shall go at Large under the Regulation of the Law this present year
Voted in the Affermative
High Ways } Shaddocks Dean }
Oliver Reed }
Samuel Davis }
John Lane }

3rd At to know how Much Money the Town will Grant to Repair the High Ways & Bridges this present year; Voted one thousand pounds
4th At to know in what Manner the Town will Repair the Highways & Bridges this present year; Voted to proceed as usual—
also Voted to Raise the Wages as follows Viz. to a Man four pounds, typ^{ing} Skittings untill the Last Day of September—& Oxen three pounds through the year; & for a Cart 18. Shillings thro^{ugh} the year; for a man after the Last Day of Sep^r half pay
5th At to know if it be the minds of the Town to Repair the Meeting House; & if it be to chosse a Committee and give them Instructions therein— Voted to Repair the Meeting house & then chosse a Committee Viz. John Reed Esq; Edward Mearns; Joseph Converse; Reuben Owen; Moses Abbott; & then Voted the following Instruction Viz. to y^e Committee they are to compute the Cost in Repairing y^e Meeting house & to see what Necessaries will be wanted for that purpose; and how they can be procured and to make Report at Next May Meeting

6th Art To know Whether it be the Minds of the Town that those persons belonging to other Towns that have Real Estate in this Town; shall be Rated for the Repairing of the Highways in this Town in ^{the} same manner as they have been since the year 1770 or whether they shall be Rated in any other Way or Method Voted that ~~the~~ Nonresidents be Rated as usual

7th Art To know Whether it be the mind of the Town that the Select Men for y^e year 1779 shall draw Money from the Town Treasurers to pay for the Continental Cloathing, which the Select Men must pay more than what the State allowed them; as will appear by there Accounts, Voted in the Affirmative $\text{L } 166 = 0 = 0$
An Committee to stand till Next Town meeting

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the Twentysifth Day of May A^d 1780 the following Votes were passed Viz—

1st Art to see if the Town will Elect & Depute a good & ^{Lawful} person to serve for, & Represent them at the great & General Court this present Year— Voted in the Negative

2nd Art to see if the Town will proceed in Repairing the Meeting House; and if they; will to see how much Money they will Grant For that purpos— Voted to proceed to Repair the Meeting house; also Voted to Grant one Thousand pounds For that purpos; & also that it be Immediately assesse & also Voted that the Committee Chooßen at March Meeting be a Committee to Lay out & Money for ^{the} purpos above

3rd Art To see if the Town will upon the Request of the Rev^d Mr Joseph Peniman make him any Consideration in his Last years Salary; by Reason of the Depresiation of Money— Voted to Consider M^r Peniman in his Last years Salary

2 Voted to Grant M^r Peniman one Hundred bushels of Grane Fifty of Rye & Fifty of Indian Corn; to be Delivered to him in January 1781 M^r Penniman acknowledg him self Satisfied

4th Art to see if the Town will accept of & allow the account of Esq^r John Reed, for his Services & Expenses in attending the Convention in forming a Constitution; or form of Government Voted to in the affirmative to allow Esq^r Reed 25 Dollars per Day for Service & Expenses 210⁰ to the amount of $\text{L } 175 = 10 = 0$

- Art 5 To See the Minds of the Town Whether they Will accept
of & allow the accounts of the Committee of Correspondence for
for their Services in attending the Convention at Concord & Water-
Town in the Year 1779 Voted in the Affirmative to allow
the Committee their accounts; to the amount of £62-17-0
- 6 Art To See if the Town Will accept of the proposed Form of Government
as a Vaptes. by the Late Convention; or any part thereof
& after hearing the Form Read the Town Voted to Adjourn to
the Second Day of June; June the Second the Town Met & after
Debating on the proposed Form of Government the Town Voted
to adjourn to the Fifth instant of June; June the Fifth
the Town Met & Voted to accept of the Form of Government
as it now stands; in Case the Convention Does not See Cause to
shorten the Time of the Revision — by 2/3 in Affirmative & 1 against
2 Voted to Leave it with the Convention When this Form shall take place

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other
Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled on the Fourteenth Day of June 1780

The following Votes Were passed Viz

- 1 Art To See in What Way or Manner the Town Will proceed in
to procure the Men that this Town is now Called upon
for; to Fill up the Continental Army
Voted to Chuse a Committee to Hire the Men Viz
the Militia officers together with the Four Serjants to
be a Committee for that purpose
- 2 Art To know how Much Money the Town Will Grant to Defray
the ordinary Charges of the Town — Voted to Grant
one Thousand pounds for that purpose
- 3 Art Respecting Clothing for the Army Not Voted to
- The Meeting Continued by adjournment to the Twentieth
Instant — June ye 20th the Town Met & Voted that in Case
the above Committee Should Stand in Need of Money, to Enable
them to hire the Men; that they shall apply to the Town Treasurer
for D. Money & also that the Town Treasurer be Impowered to hire
such Sum or Sums as shall be Necessary, for that purpose; & that the
Town Will Make good to the Lender or Lenders such Sum or Sums
as he shall be Necessitated to Borrow for

At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the
 Fourth day of Sept. - 1788 - the Following Votes were passed Viz
 Art. 1. to See if the Town would Bring in their Votes for a Governor
 & Lieutenant Governor; & also for Counsellors & Senators as ordered
 by the late Established Form of Government
 The Followings persons were voted for, and as follows Viz. ^{Medford} John Merriam

Votes for a Governor { John Hancock Esq 25 }
 { James Bowdoin Esq 2 } of Boston

Votes for a Lieutenant Governor { James Bowdoin Esq 12 } of Boston
 { Col. Abner Orm 8 } of Marblehead
 { John Hancock Esq 2 } of Boston

Votes for Counsellors & Senators { Josiah Stone Esq 18 } of Framingham
 { Col Eleazer Brooks 20 } of Lincoln
 { Judge Fuller 22 } of Newtown
 { Nathaniel Gorham Esq 24 } of Charlestown
 { Judge Sullivan 24 } of Groton

2. Art to See if the town Will allow the accounts of the Committee
 in hiring Soldiers, for the Service of the United States,
 for the two Last Campaign; & if so, to See if the Town Will
 Impower the assessors to assess the same immediately or any
 part thereof - Voted to raise Five thousand & five hundred
 pounds; & that it be immediately assessed, & Voted to continue
 the remaining part of this article, untill the Next Town
 Meeting

The account of the Committee is as follows, to those that In-
 listed for six Months, to go to the North River, to be paid in money Equivale-
 nt. 16. To John Johnson one hundred & twenty Bushels of Indian Corn 120
 To Rufus Johnson one hundred & twenty Bushels of Corn 120
 To Nathan Manil one hundred & twenty Bushels of Corn 120
 To Jonas Bacon one hundred & twenty Bushels of Indian Corn 120
 To Cambridge Moore one hundred & twenty Bushels of Indian Corn 120
 To Jonas Turen one hundred & twenty Bushels of Indian Corn 120
 To Casar Prescott one hundred & twelve Bushels of Rye 100
 To those who Inlisted for three Months, & went to the Rhode Island Campaign, namely
 Joshua Stolt Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 John Webber Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 Ebenezer Hardy Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 Amos Remon Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 Jonathan Willigen Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 Andrew Hall Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 Isaac Simons Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90
 Israel Wood Blood Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn 90

All a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on
the sixteenth day of October A.D. 1780 the following
Art. 1 To See if the Town Will Elect & Deput a good &
Lawfull Person to serve for & Represent them at the
Grate & General Court this present year. Voted in
the affirmative Chose Capt. John Moore for Wabover.
2 Art to See in What Way or Meathord the Town Will
proceed respecting the School - Voted to have three
Months Wrihting School in the Middle of the town
and six Weeks Womans School in each quarter of the
Town - 2. Chose a Committee to Provide for the School
Namely Capt John Webster - Samuel Lane - Samuel Day
Thaddeus Davis - David Reed.
3 Art to know how Much Money the Town Will Grant
to Defrey the ordinary Charges of the Town
Voted Three thousand pounds for that purpose
4 Art to See in What Meathord the Town proceed in to
procure the Beef that this Town is called upon to adva
for the use of the Army Voted to choose a Committee
Namely Mr. Timothy Jones - John Meriam - Capt
Edward Stearns - 2 Voted that the Sum of Eight thousand
one hundred & seventy five pounds be immediately
assessed & Collected to Enable the Committee to procure
the Beef as a Town.
5 Art to See if the Town Will Abate Mr. Jobe Lanes
Rates towards the hiring Soldiers into the Service
of the United States, or Whether the assessors shall
proceed in the Steps of the Law to Recover them
Voted to abate Mr. Jobe Lanes the Poll Tax towards
the hiring Soldiers Ever since the War commenced.
6 Art To See if the Town Will upon the Request of
Mr. Ezra Blood Lay him out a High Way to his
Land Voted to Continue this article untill the Next
Town Meeting

All a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Bedford on the Second Day of January A.D. 1781 the following
Vote Was passed Viz. Efq. John Reed Chooser Moderator
Art. 1 To know how & in What Way the Meathord the Town Will proceed
in to Procure this Towns quota of Beef for the use of the Army
Agreeable to a Resolve of the Grate & General Court on the 10th of
November Last - Voted to Choosse a Committee of three men to
procure the Beef - Secondly Impowring the assessors to assess
such Sum as shall appear to be necessary to answer the Demand
of the General Court, or there Committee

11 A General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the
Twenty Sixth Day of December AD 1780. The rising Vote was
Vaz

Art. 1. To know the Mind of the Town how & in what way & method
they will proceed in, to procure the Town quota of Continental
men for three years, or during the War; & Giveable to a Vote
of the Town & General Court, on the Second of December next
Voted to Choose a Committee to hear the Men

2 Voted to have Seven Committee men for that purpose
Namely, Capt John Moore, Lieut Eleazer Davis, Christopher Page
Mr. Joseph Abbott, Mr. Jeremiah Fitch junr, Mr. Joseph Cramer
& Mr. Ebenezer Page

2. Art. 1 To know, how & in what way & Method the Town will proceed
In, to procure the Grain, or Money Equivalent there to, for
Soldiers Who enlisted for defence of the Country, at several times that
the Town has been sent to for men of Summer Draft Voted to leave
it with the Selectmen & the Committee, that hired the men, to
settle with them, and that the Assessors, assess such Sum of Money
as shall be necessary for that purpose, as soon as may be

Art. 2 To know in what Method the Town will proceed In to procure the
Grain for the Town Mr. Joseph Penniman a Giveable to a Vote
of the Town at our next May Meeting Voted to leave it
with the Selectmen to settle with Mr. Penniman

The Meeting Was continued by several adjournments; on the first
Article; to the Eighth Day of February AD 1781

The Town Meet & after some Debate Voted to Rescind
the above Vote. Respecting hiring the Men by a Committee
and Voted to have the Town Express In order to procure the men

2 Voted that in Case any Express shall Make it appear to
the Town that they have Exacted them selves In order to
procure a man, In Season, and have not procured one
the fine if any be, shall be a Town Charge

3 Voted that Capt Edward Mearns & Capt John Hutton
assist the Selectmen In Expressing the Town into Seven Companies
as Proposed

The continued article Respecting Exposed Blood Righting
is continued to the Next Town Meeting

At A General Town Meeting of the Freeholders, &
other Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled on the Second Day of April A.D. 1791
Art. 1. For the Town to bring in their Votes for a Governor
& a Lieut. Governor; & also for Councillors & Senators
For y^e Year ensuing

Governor, John Hancock Esq of Boston, by 30 Votes
Lieut Governor, Thomas Cushing Esq of Boston by 30 Votes
for Counc. Josiah Stone Esq of Framingham by 24 Votes
Jellors & James Pierpont Esq of Groton by 23 Votes
Senators Abraham Miller Esq of Newtown by 26 Votes
Elaazzer Brook Esq of Lincoln by 20 Votes
E. Nathaniel Gorham Esq of Charlestown by 24 Votes
John Reed Esq of Bedford by 14 Votes

2. At A To See if the Town Will Choose a Committee of Correc-
tion & Moderation In Speculation & Safety; Voted to Choose a Committee
W^{ch} John Reed Esq Mr John Meriam Capt John Moore
Mr John Lane Capt John Webber

3. At A To See if the Town Will upon y^e Request of Mr Jonas G. Plafon
& Mr Samuel Mayhew Make them any Consideration for their
Service as Collectors the Last Year Voted to Allow said Collectors
they collected more than those that served the Year before, & voted
to allow them ten hard Dollars, or the Exchange there off in paper
Art. 4. for the Town to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer
This article Confused too

The Continued article Respecting y^e Rev. Mr Beniman Salary
after hearing the Report of the Committee & some further Debate
upon it Was by a Vote Continued untill Next Town Meeting & Voted
that y^e old Committee; be Shown Acquainted Mr Beniman With the
Proceedings of this Meeting

The Continued article Respecting the High Way Leading to Capt
Clearys Davis Thoup, is Continued untill Next Town Meeting

At A General Town Meeting of y^e Freeholders & other
Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled on y^e Seventh Day of May A.D. 1791

Art. 1. To See if the Town Will Elect a Depute a Good &
Lawfull Person to serve for & Represent them at the
Great & General Court this Present Year Voted in y^e Negative

2. At A To See if the Town Will Grant any Sum of Money to Inhabitants
the Treasurer to take up a Number of Notes that by adding
the Town Voted to Continue this Article till Next Town Meeting

3. At A To See if the Town Will allow Ensign John Lane &
Oliver Reed jun^r & Elijah Parsons; & Mr Stephen Reed &
Samuel Mayhew their full Requests upon y^e Town
Voted to Continue this Article untill Next Town Meeting

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To See if the Town Will Choose a Committee to make
Answer to the Petition of Mr. John Lane at the Next Court
of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Exeter
on the Fifteenth Day of May Next or any other day, that
the Town shall think most advisable. Voted to Choose
a Committee Viz. Capt John Webber, Dea Stephen Davis, Lieut Ebenezer
Davis; Mr Joseph Conway; Lieut Timothy Jones. D. Committee
are to meet with Mr Lane, & to endeavor a final Settlement
with Mr Lane, but if not exceeded to: they are Impowered to
Make a case on behalf of the Town, at the Next Court of General
Sessions of the Peace.

The Continued Article Respecting Mr. Rev. Mr. Soley Penniman's
Salary. The Town Voted to Pay Mr Penniman his Salary
for the Present year in Hard Money; or the Exchange Rate
of in Paper as it now stands; & Voted that Mr Penniman's
Salary be Taxed in a Separate List - Previous to the
above Votes; Mr Penniman agreed to take his Salary in
Paper Money at the Present Exchange; in Case it is paid
him within six Months -
The Continued Article Respecting the Prisonary Leading to
Lieut. Ebenezer Davis house, is still Continued to the Next Town Meeting.

All a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Rateable
Inhabitants of the Town of Exeter Legally Assembled on the second
Day of July A. 1781 - the following Votes Passed Viz -
1st To See how & in what Way or Method the Town Will proceed
in to procure a Quota of Beef for the Use of the Army - and
agreeable to a Resolution of the Great & General Court of 22nd day of
June Instant - Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to
procure the Beef. Committee Mr John Lane - Mr Thomas Page
& Mr David Page. 2nd Granted the Sum of one hundred pounds
to be immediately disposed of in Hard Money or the Lawfull
Exchange thereof in Paper, to enable the Committee to procure
the Beef, if they shall think it best; otherwise they are to pay the
Money.

2nd To Know how & in what Way or Method the Town Will
Proceed in, to procure one Soldier to go to Rhode Island
agreeable to a Resolution of the Great and General Court of 16th
Day of June Instant - Voted to leave it with Mr. Conscription
officers to procure the man, and to bring in to the Town their
account - for allowance & Payment -
The Several articles that were Continued at the Last Town Meeting
are still Continued to the Next Town Meeting.

At a legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders &
other Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Dedham on the
sixteenth Day of July A^d 1781 the following Reso-
lutions viz^t Capt Christopher Page Chapin Moderator
Resolved viz^t how, or in what Way or Method, y^e Town will proceed
In to procure this Towns quota of men, for three Months
to join General Washingtons Army, at or near West Point
A Resolvable to y^e Resolve of the Great & General Court
of the 30 of June Last. The Town voted to Chuse a
Committee of Seven men, to hire y^e Men Namely Capt Christopher
Page, Lieut Timothy Jones, William Meniam, M^r William Page
M^r Samuel Lane Jr, Lieut Moses Abbott, M^r David Reed; &
then voted to raise the Sum of Sixty five pounds In ready money
to Innable the Committee to pay the Soldiers such part of their
hire as they shall see before they March; & that it be immediately
disbursed; & that the Assessors assess y^e same sum at y^e same rate
further sum as shall be necessary for y^e a above mentioned
Several continued A^d are still continued to the Next Town Meeting

The First Continental Soldier hired by y^e Town & Received
as a bounty the Sum of two hundred hard Dollars

Agreeable to the foregoing Votes of y^e Town the Selectmen on y^e
16th of February 1781 Proceeded to Chuse the said Seven Chapmen
voted to procure the full of this Towns quota of Continental men for 3 y^e
or during y^e War, Agreeable to a Resolve of y^e General Court of y^e
11th of November last

Chap: 1. Capt John Reed Chareman hired a Negro Called
Cambridge & agreed to give him as a bounty twenty head of horned
Cattle at three year old, each, if he continue in the Service 3 years

Chap: 2. Lieut Moses Abbott Chareman hired a Negro Called Cape
Prophet & agreed to give him twenty head of horned Cattle at three
year old, each

Chap: 3. M^r Phaddeus Dean Chareman hired one Henry Knolan
and gave him an Equil Sum with shafe a above mentioned

Chap: 4. Lieut Christ Page Chareman hired one

Chap: 5. John Reed Esq^r Chareman hired one James Ingles & a
gave to him the Value of twenty head of horned Cattle at 3 years
old in Case he shall continue in the Service three years

Chap: 6. M^r William Page Chareman hired one John Williams & gave
him as a bounty two hundred and fifty hard Dollars in Money

Chap: 7. Dea Stephen Davis Chareman hired one Joseph Koss and
gave him as a bounty two hundred & twenty hard Dollars

Agreeable to a Resolue of the General Court of 17th June 1781
the Town of Bedford being called upon for one man, to go to Rhode Island; hire one
Daniel Hartwell Blood, and gave him as a bounty ten shillings & 10^p -
June 4th 1781 the Town of Bedford was called upon for seven men to go to join
the Grand Army at or near West point; the Town gave them as a bounty
the following sums set against their names -

to Nathaniel Wyman	£ 19-16-0
to Peter to Mosey Abbott	19-16-0
to Stephen Sims	19-16-0
to Timothy Gribby	19-16-0
to Joseph Merriam	19-16-0
to Israel Mead Blood	19-16-0

NB: the above sums were all in hard Money.

March 1782 the Town of Bedford was divided into three Clapets in order to
Procure three Continentals ^{men} to serve for three years

Moses Fitch constable for the year 1789 personally appeared and
Shoe his receipt in full for all Taper committed to him to collect viz
State & his county Tax and the Town rate John Webb
Bedford May 4th 31st 1792 - -

A General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Solable
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the Tenth Day of Sept 1798
the following by several adjournments to 4th 11th 18th 25th of October 1798
the following votes & papers viz
1. To know In What Method the Town will Proceed Relating the
School this Present Year - Voted to have three Month
Writing School In the Middle of the Town at the School house
& also to have Six Weeks Women School In Each of the four
quarters of the Town - also Voted that Mr Jondy Gleason, Mr Samuel
Marshall, Mr Timothy Jones, Mr Samuel Lane jr & Mr Jerem. Fitch
bee a Committee to Provide for the School -
2. Resolved if the Town will upon the Request of the Rev Mr
Joseph Penniman, Make good to him the Spent of his Contract, Now
between him & the Town on the Seventh Day of May Last. Respecting
his Salary for the year 1798. Including what he hath Received
or whether the Town will Make him any Consideration In that Respect
Voted to Give Mr Penniman Fifty hard Dollars by Reason of the
Depreciation of Paper Money, In Case he Will Except off it, & Will
Sign the Town Book for that Year.
3. Resolved to know how Much Money the Town will Grant to Defray the
Charges of the Town this Present Year; Voted to Make one hundred
& twenty Pounds ^{in hard money} for the above purport.
4. Resolved to see if the Town will Give the Treasurer Some Instructions how
he Shall Receive the Several Sums of Money that are Due to him
as Treasurer; from the Several Delinquent Constables; & also how
he Shall Proceed In Discharging the Towns Debts; Voted to Make
the Sum of forty Pounds to Enable the Treasurer to Pay the
Intrest upon a Number of Notes that lay against the Town
& that this Article bee Continued to the Next Town Meeting.
The article which was Continued from time to time. Respecting the
the High Way leading to Mr Eliezer Davis house; the Town after
hearing the Report of the Committee, which was, that in their opinion
it is best as the Way Now Goes Voted Not to alter the Way
unless the two Parties Shall agree to alter it.
The article Respecting the Request of a Number of persons
upon the Town; which was Invented at our May Meeting, stands
Continued to the Next Town Meeting -

A General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Valuable Inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford, legally assembled on the 22 Day of January 1772
the following Votes Passed, Viz. Capt John Moxon (Moderator)
1. To See if the Town will accept of the Superior box for parimen
& the Inferiour box for parimen, as regulated by the Select men
Voted In Affirmative

2. The Continued Article, Respecting, the Town giving the Town Treasurer
some Instructions how he shall Receive the several Sums of Paper
Money that are due to him as Treasurer, from the several Delinquent
Contables, Voted that the Treasurer Receive Money of the Delinquent Contables
payable to the Depreciation Scale, only, saving such Sums of Money
as they may have collected before this time; & it remaining on hand
the Continued Article, Respecting Raising a Sum of Money to Inhabell
the Treasurer to take up a Number of Notes that lay against the
Town - Voted to raise the Sum of two hundred & twenty five
Pounds, for the above purpose - & Voted that the Select men
assist the Treasurer in casting the Notes, & the T. Treasr, & also to
assist if Needed, Respecting any orders that May have been given
out, and as yet are Not answered -

3. the Continued Article Respecting the Request of a Number of Persons for Service
for Mr John Lane junr for his Service as a Soldier in the year 1776 the Town
Vote to Give him fifteen pounds, in specie.

4. the Request of Mr Oliver Meed junr & Mr Elijah Brown for their Expence
two men to serve in their Militia in the Army in 1777 the Town Voted to pay
them Equil With those that did Personal Service in that Campaign.

5. the Request of Mr Stephen Meeds & Mr Samuel Hartwell, which was
that Mr Meeds might be allowed for boarding the School Children in 1779
& Mr Hartwell Wife for keeping said School Equil to others quarters of
the Town in that year the Town Voted them their Request, in full -
the Town then Voted that the Appessment of the above Sums be put off
until after March Meeting - & that they be assessed as soon as May be
After Meeting

2 A. To know the Minds of the Town whether the Swine shall go at Large under the Regulation of the Law, this Present year, Voted in Affirmation
3 A. To know how Much Money the Town will Grant to Repair the high way this Present year, — Voted Thirty Pounds
4 A. To know in what Method the Town will Proceed in to Repair the highways, — Voted as usual — for a Man a Day three Shillings, for a Yoke of oxen two Shillings — for a Cart one Shilling through the year
5 A. To see if the Town Will give the Treasurer some instructions what he shall do with the New Emission of Money that he hath Received of the Constable, Voted that the Treasurer Vouch the New Emission of Money for hard Money in hand only.
6 A. To see if the Town Will Impower its Constables for the year 1788 to Discount the Rates of the Several Persons who have Notes a Gainst the Town, by Entering their Rates on the back of their Notes, & Taking Receipts there for, or any other for or any other Method the Town shall think Proper, the Town Voted to Impower the Constable to Discount the Rates Voted December 4th 1788 from the first Day of March A. 1789.
The Town then Voted to Give the Constable, Namely Mr. David pag & Mr. A. S. Cassell, the Sum of three pounds twelve Shillings Each as a Reward for Collecting Taxes the Ensuing Year —

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the first Day of April 1782 the following Votes were Taken —

1. Art. for the Town to bring in their Votes for a Governor & a Lieut Governor & also for Coun! & Senators for the year ensuing —

for a Governor { John Hancock Esq. of Boston by — 19
 { Oliver Prescott Esq. of Groton — 15

for a Lieut Governor Thomas Cushing Esq. of Boston by — 22

for Counsilor { 1. James Sullivan Esq. of Groton — by — 16
 { 2. James Prescott Esq. of Groton — by — 15
 { 3. Eleazer Brooks Esq. of Lincoln — by — 18

for Senators { 1. Nathaniel Gerham Esq. of Charlestown by — 1
 { 2. Abraham Fuller Esq. of Newtown by — 15
 { 3. Isaac Mearns — of Billerica by — 15

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the sixteenth Day of May 1782 the following Votes were Taken —

1. Art. To See if the Town will Elect & Depute a good and Lawfull Person to Serve for and Represent them at the State and General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

2. Art. To See if the Town will upon the Request of Mr. Asa Hapsett & Mr. Shadous Davis. Make them a Consideration for their Services as Collectors of Taxes for the Town the Last year. Voted that this Article be Continued to the Next Town Meeting.

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the twenty eighth Day of October 1782 and Continued by an adjournment to the Eleventh Day of November 1782. The following Votes were Taken —

1. Art. To know how much Money the Town will grant to Defray the ordinary Charges of the Town this Present year. Voted the Sum of one hundred and twenty pounds for that Purpose.

2. Art. To know in what Method the Town will Proceed relating to the School this Present year. Voted to have the School kept the same term of time, & in the same Manner as it was Last year. & Choose a Committee to Provide for it. Voted Mr. Samuel Lane Jr. Mr. Asa Hapsett. Mr. Samuel Davis Mr. Shadous Davis & Mr. James Knight.

3. Art. To See if the Town will grant any Sum of Money to Enable the Committee to Proceed in Repairing the Meeting house the ensuing year. & in what Method. Voted to grant a Sum of Money the Sum of one hundred & eighty pounds for that Purpose. & Voted to have the above Sum dispersed as soon as may be, & laid out by the 1st of March 1783 and the other half by the 1st of May 1783.

the Town voted to Leave it discretionary with the Committee to
Repair the Meeting house. & the Committee Refused too was
choosen in March 1780
To see if the Town will Rebuild the Pound and if they will to
choose a Committee for that purpose & give them Instructions the
Town voted to Rebuild the Pound & choose a Committee for that
purpose viz. Capt. Sam. Moore Capt. Edward Tharns Esq. John Rice Mr.
David Bacon Mr. Thaddeus Sears the Town voted to have the Pound
Built with Stone & voted to have the Pound built on the
Southwest Corner of the Town Land
To see if the Town will Empower the Treasurer to take up a
Number of Grain Notes that he is against the Town and to give his
Notes there for in hard Money. The Town voted that if Treasurer
be Empowered to take up said Notes, & to allow to them Six Shillings
per bushel for each bushel specified in said Notes & to allow
the Interest of said money from the time the Grain became due.
To see what the Town will do respecting a Settlement
with Mr. Elijah Simon & Mr. Oliver Reed for their service
of Soldiers in the year 1777 the Town voted to give them twenty
five Dollars each for their service
The Continued Article respecting the Constables for the year
1781 the Town voted to give them Eight Dollars each for their

At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the
Third Day of ^{March} 1783 the following Vols were passed
By Meeting Mr Ebenezer page chosen Grand Juror -
Ar^t 1 To elect Town officers for the year ensuing

Select Men	John Webber	Committee of correspondence & Safety	Left. Timothy Jones
	Samuel Lane ^{sworn}		Left. John Page
	William page		Left. John Moore
	Thaddeus Fitch		Left. James Wright
	Joseph Converse ^{sworn}		Left. John Meriam

Town Clerk John Webber sworn. Town Treasurer William Meriam ^{sworn}

^{viewers of highways}

Field Driven	Mr. Samuel Lane	viewers	Mr. Job Lane ^{sworn}
	Mr. Oliver pollard ^{sworn}		Mr. Thomas page
	Mr. David Fitch		
	Mr. Samuel Hartwell		Sitting Nath ^l page sworn
	Mr. Samuel Davis		Oliver pollard
	Mr. Ebenezer page		

Field Driven	John Fitch sworn	viewers	Samuel Lane ^{sworn}
	Matthew pollard		Left. Moses Abbot

Hog Reaver	Moses Fitch	Hear Reaver	David Bacon
	Solomon Lane		Samuel Hartwell

Scaler of weight & measure	David Fitch	Constables	
Scaler of Leather	Nathan Dexter sworn		Thad ^l Dean
Surveyor of Lumber	Oliver pollard ^{sworn}		Job Lane ^{sworn}

2 Ar^t To know the Minds of y^e Town whether the Swine shall go
at Large this present year under y^e Regulation of y^e Law voted in
3 Ar^t To know how much Money the Town will Grant to Repair
the high ways this present year Voted Forty pounds For - ^{purpose} that

4 Ar^t To know in what Method the Town will proceed in
Repairing the high ways; Voted to proceed in the same
Method as was voted Last year & that y^e wages shall be the
Same

5 Ar^t To see if the Town will Upon the Request of Left Ebenezer
Fitch abate his Rates for y^e year 1775 by reason of his being in
publick Service, voted to abate his poll tax for that year

Constable: { Thaddeus Dean ^{sworn} For the North Side of y^e Town
Oliver Reed, Job Lane ^{sworn} in the Room of Thad^l Dean
The Town voted to make the Constables Equal with those that
served for the town last year if a greater Sum shall be committed
to them, they shall have more or less in proportion
The Town also voted to excuse Mr. Oliver from serving as
Constable

The above said Town Meeting was continued by
several adjournments to the 28th Day of March & then dissolved

At a Legal Town Meeting on the Seventh Day of
April AD 1783

1. Ar.^t in the warrant was For the votable inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford to bring in their votes For
a Governor & Lt. Governor; Counsellors & Senators
and voted as followeth Viz —

For a Governor	John Hancock Esq ^r of Boston	By —	22
Lt. Governor	Thomas Fushing Esq ^r of Boston	By —	22
Counsellor	James Duesent Esq ^r of Groton	By —	20
and	M ^r Isaac Mearns of Belterica	By —	23
Senator	Eleazer Brook Esq ^r of Lincoln	By —	27
	Abraham Fuller Esq ^r of Newtown	By —	25
	Eleazer Budge Esq ^r of Chelmsford	By —	26

Samel Lane junr Moderator

2. Ar.^t To see if the Town will chuse a Constable for
South part of the said Town of Bedford
The Town then voted not to chuse a Constable at this
Meeting; and then voted to Dismiss M^r Oliver Reed
from serving as a Constable this year; and then
reconsidered the first vote, and then voted to continue
this second article to y^e next town Meeting
The continued article in regard to the Meeting house
Still continued by an adjournment to y^e next Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other
Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the
Nineteenth Day of May AD 1783

1. Ar.^t To see if the Town ^{will} elect & Depute a good and Lawful
person to serve For and represent them at the Great
and General Court this insuing year voted in the
affirmative and also voted to give the representative
Five Shillings per Day For his service Whilst
he attends at Court
and chose John Reed Esq^r to represent the Town
at the General Court this year; Next page

2nd Art To see if the Town will upon the Request of Lieut Timothy Jones Give him Liberty to put in a glass window in the meeting house on the back side of his pew at his own cost; Voted in the affirmative
The Town Meeting in regard to the repairing the Meeting House still adjourned to this meeting and then the Third

3rd Art was acted upon Maid Chair of Lieut John Meriam
Moderator temporary
To see if the Town will upon the request of Lieut Eliazer Davis Make good to him the money which he lent the Town from the time it was lent Notwith Standing his changing his note —

Then the Town voted to reconsider a former vote wherein they voted not to make good his money; and then voted to allow him his three notes as he lent the money to y. said town by the scale he the said Eliazer Davis throwing in the interest from the first date to the present day which amounts to twenty 14 pounds $9/3-2$ and the Treasurer ordered to give Lieut Eliazer Davis a note for twenty pounds in part of 5 sum
A continued article For to Chuse a constable For the South Side of the Town was acted upon at this meeting and maid choice of — Sol Lane was South constable also voted to Give him three pounds twelve shillings and allow him as Doing a turn, as constable for himself —

The Town chose a committee to instruct their representative viz Dea Stephen Davis and to report at the adjournment

John Welles
John Meriam
William Meriam
Lieut Timothy Jones
Spt Chas Page
Mr Thomas Page

and then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 26th inst then the Committee Reported and the representative received his instructions

the meeting Respecting the Meeting House adjourned till the next Town meeting

At a General Town meeting of the Freeholders and other votable inhabitants on the First Day of September A.D. 1783

To See if the Town will upon the request of several persons, erect and build up adjoining to the meeting House a Tower and Steple to hang the Bell thereon or a porch or porches or any or either of them as the town shall think best

The several votes passed viz

1 vote John Reed Esq Moderator of T^h Meeting

2 Voted not to build any addition to the Meeting house

3 Voted at the towns Cost—

to make addition by building a tower and Steple and a porch adjoining the Meeting house & clear of charge to the Town, and then 3^d Meeting was Dissolved.

At a Legal town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the thirtieth day of October A.D. 1783; the following votes were passed viz John Meriam Moderator—

1. A^t To know how much Money the town will grant to defray the charges this present year voted forty pounds £40.0.0.
2. A^t To know in what Manner y^e Town will proceed relating y^e School voted three months wrighting school in y^e School house Marys meetinghouse and then voted to allow all the Families taking in James Willsons Farm to the North and East of Shawshine River to have their proportion of Money apportioned for woman school and to spend it for schooling; and then voted to have six weaker women school in each of y^e other quarters; Making four quarters school committed viz Janer Wright, Samuel Lane, Nath^l page Joseph Conner
3. A^t Timothy Conner

3. A^t To know if it be the Minds of y^e town to have any thing more don to the Meetinghouse than what y^e Committee has agreed for; and then y^e Town voted to do som thing more; and then the Meeting was continued by adjournment to the 3^d Day of November A.D. 1783; and then the Town voted to leave the compleatting y^e inside of y^e Meeting house by casing the timber and painting with the Towns Committee for repairing the Meeting house as they shall think proper; and also voted to add to the first Grant of 40 pounds fifty five pounds together with the first Grant makes in the whole fifty five pounds to defray the ordinary Charge this present year 1783

4. A^t To know whether the Town will Grant to Reuben Duron Forty Six Square feet of Ground over the Gallery Stairs East side of y^e Meeting house and Liberty to build pews thereon in consideration to him for putting in two windows in y^e front of the Meeting house and let the said Duron fund them; and if not then to see if the town will sell the same. The town then voted the above said Ground to Reuben Duron for his building in the above said windows

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other (54)
votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the sixteenth
Day of December AD 1782; the following votes were
passed viz [1st] John Moore chosen Moderator
2^d. For the town to chuse two persons for wardens, the town Mair
chose of Mr. Ebenezer page & Mr. James Wright for that purpose
and sworn

3^d. For if the town will upon the Request of several persons
take any Method to procure money to repair the Meeting house
so that the Town may not be taxed as was voted at the last Town
Meeting voted in ye affirmative & then voted to sell some part of y^e
Meeting house for new ground in order to Repair the Meeting House
3^dly Voted to sell ground sufficient for three pews in each side of
the body seats below y^e four in front of those that are already built
and one on each end ~~and~~ ^{also} to y^e East and west Loar's 4thly The
Town voted to sell ground sufficient for five pews in the back part
part of the front gallery & they voted to chuse a Committee of five
Men to Lot out the new ground that the town hath now voted to sell
the Committee chosen is Lt. John Meriam John Webber Oliver Jellard
Ct. John Moore & Ct. Christopher page & they the town voted to a Committee
of three Men to Arch the town Records and see if there be any new
ground in the Meeting house that was not legally disposed of y^e
Committee chosen is Thos. Stephen Davis John Webber & David page
7thly the town voted that the above Committee make a Report to
the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting; The Town then voted
that this article be continued by an adjournment to the 30 Day of
December instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon, and that the above
new ground shall be sold on that Day, at publick Vendue to the highest
Bidder

December y^e 30 The Town Met, and after hearing the report of the Committee
1782 chosen to Arch the Records Respecting the new ground that hath been in dispute
The Town then voted to Relinquish their claim to y^e said new ground viz:
the new ground that hath been in dispute are now improved by the
following persons, Namely Ct. John Moore Mr. Israel Putnam Lt.
Timothy Jones & Mr. David Fitch & y^e Committee chosen to allot out
the new ground Reported that the new ground allotted by them in the
Body seats below are to be six feet & four inches in length & four feet & eight
inches wide; The town then voted to reconsider the vote Respecting selling
ground four ft pews in the body seats below and voted to sell
ground for but four pews and them to be in front of those that
are already built; The Town then voted to move the body seats
forward four inches & a half so that there may be three seats left
then vote that the pews be built the same height on the flower
with those that are already built; and then voted to except the
Report of the Committee as to length & breadth of the new ground
The Town then voted to chuse a vendue Master and two men as a
Committee with him to draw up articles of sale, Namely Lt. John
Meriam & vendue master & Mr. John Webber & Lt. Timothy Jones
as a committee with y^e vendue master Town to y^e 22^d 1st page

39. Voters of the pew at a vendue Decemb^r 30th 1782
 1. Let the highest bidder be the purchaser. 20 by Six Shillings to be
 a Bid 30 by Eight Dollars to be paid Down as Earnest & one half
 of y^e Remainder that a pew shall be store of at, to be paid by the
 first day of March Next, the Remainder to be paid by the first
 day of May Next; the following pews being on the floor of meeting
 1. pew sold to Stephen Hartwell jun^r for 67 Dollars said pew is in front
 of Mr. Stephen Hartwell's pew only East side of the Middle alley
2. pew sold to Stephen Hartwell jun^r for 73 Dollars this pew is in front
 of Mr. John Abbot's ^{pew} only West side of the Middle alley; and the
 Town voted that this pew shall be recorded to Mr. Oliver Bacon & Son's
 Gleason by an agreement with Stephen Hartwell jun^r as their
 property
30. Pew sold to James Wright for 80 Dollars this pew is
 in front of a pew belonging to the heirs of Mr. John Bacon late
 of Bedford Street North of East Door
4. pew struck off to Stephen Hartwell jun^r for 73 Dollars & and returned to
 the Town and not sold and then sold to William & David Page
 in equal shares at a public vendue for 48 Dollars
5. The Town Meeting continued by adjournments to April 7th 1783
 The pew in y^e front of y^e ^{of y^e pew} Common Body Sect. sold to Mr. John
 Abbot for 73 Dollars The Town voted that the one half of
 this pew shall be recorded to Mr. Benjamin Hutchinson
 by an agreement with said Abbot in y^e said Hutchinson's
 property
6. The front pew in the Mans Body Sect. at the west End
 of the Church sold to Timothy Lane for 71 Dollars
- The Tail of y^e front pews in y^e front gallery and to whom they
 were sold viz
1. pew struck off to Nathaniel Page for 34 Dollars, and returned
 to the town and not sold, this pew the town voted for the use of the
 singers during the towns pleasure, and is still the towns property
2. Pew struck off to John Reed Esq. for 42 Dollars, the purchasers
 Release their Right in said pew, and the town voted that this pew should
 be for the use of the singers during the towns pleasure, and is still the towns property
3. pew struck off to James Lane Esq. for 32 Dollars the purchaser Release
 their Right in said pew and the town voted that this pew should be for the
 use of the singers during the towns pleasure, and is still the towns property

4 Pew Struck of To Lt. M^r Abbot For 40 Dollars this pew (3^d)
is owned by 4 persons hereafter named viz the one half by Lt. Edward
Stearns and one quarter to Lt. M^r Abbot and the other quarter to Lt. John
Meriam

5th Pew Sold to Lt. Christopher Page For 35 Dollars being the last pew
in the Front Gallery & to the woman etc.

The tail of the wall pews in the Front Gallery and to whom
they were sold viz

1 First pew Next the man: Stairs Struck of to David Lane For 19 Dollars
& a half

2 Pew Struck of to Stephen Hartwell and Returned to the Town
and not Sold For 19 1/2 Dollars

3 Pew Struck of to Stephen Hartwell and For 20 Dollars; and Returned
to the Town again and not Sold this pew was sold by the Town
from north to David Bacon

4 Pew Struck of to Stephen Hartwell For 16 1/2 Dollars; the Town
voted that this pew should be Granted to Shadour Fitch by an
agreement with y^e said Hartwell & Shadour Fitch as the said
Shadour Fitch property

5 Pew Struck of to David Bacon For 18 1/2 Dollars; and Returned to
the town and not Sold; then sold to John Webster & John Webster Jr
in equal halves as their property

March the third 1796 Dr. Samariah Peffton Shewed to
the Selectmen a Deed of the above said fourth pew
Signed by the above Dr. Shadour Fitch Dated February 1st
A.D. 1796 where in the said Fitch conveys the property
thereof to the said Peffton —
the Selectmen consenting thereto

December 27th A.D. 1797 James Huntington and
Noah Foster both of Bedford Shewed to the Selectmen
a Deed of the above said fourth pew in the fall of
Signed by Dr. Samariah Peffton jointly to them — as
their property — and the Selectmen of the town consenting
there to

March 5th 1798 Capt. William Goodridge Shewed to the
Selectmen a Deed signed by Menden & Puren & wife of
a pew in Bedford meeting house at the South East corner
of the galleries called the cock booth — as his property
the Selectmen of the town consenting there to
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A General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the Seventh day of January & continued by adjournment to the Fifteenth Day of January 1784 the following votes were passed viz L^{ts} John Meriam Moderator
1st To know what Method the town will take to procure the Money which is yet due to the towns committee appointed to repair the Meeting house, which they are ready to Make appear

after taking the above article under consideration the Town voted to ch^{se} a committee to h^{ve} money to pay the towns committee for repairing the Meeting house, and to report at the adjournment y^e committee for that purpose was James Wright
The committee for repairing the Meeting house Lay their accounts before the town The committee's Account as followeth viz So what m^r Reuben Duren undertook by the great £ 232-10-0
So the glass over the Doors and setting - 1-2-0
So four dogs to secure the galleries - 0-12-0
So Lacing the posts L^{ts} &c - 8-10-0
So work don to the pulpit finding all - 5-18-5

after the above account was read and examined in presence of the Town y^e town voted to allow and accept the same and then the town ch^{se} a committee to settle with m^r Reuben Duren, the undertaker, and repairing the Meeting house viz

{ L^{ts} William Meriam
Benjamin Hutchinson } Committee
L^{ts} Timothy Jones

and then voted that the above committee shall have full Power in behalf of the town to settle with the above m^r Reuben Duren for the work as above don to the Meeting house at the best Lay they can according to their Discretion

2^d To know if it be the Mind of the town to ch^{se} a committee to petition the General Court of this common wealth Praying that the time May be taken of from the town of Bedford for that sending a representative in the year one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty two

this article voted in the affirmative and ch^{se} a committee for that purpose - viz John Reed Esq^r & John Webb

{ John Webb
L^{ts} John Meriam }

next day

at the adjournment of the town of Bedford the committee for repairing the Meeting house were paid

The town voted to receive the pews sold to several persons at the time the pew
ground was sold with their looking the earnest money they paid when
struck off to them, upon their Deed viz Nathaniel Page the first pew
in the front gallery next to yemen Haws & David Bacon y. First pew next
to the woman Hain in the front gallery it being a wall pew & Stephen
Hartwell one pew on the floor adjoining Zechariah Smith pew next
to y. wiff Dear and two pews in the front gallery being wall pews
voted to continue the sale of y. pews till next March Meeting

M^{rs} General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other notable
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on the
Fifth day of April A.D 1784 The Following votes were giving
As for the Town to bring in their votes for a Governor & L^{ft} Governor
and Counsellors & Senators & brought in their votes as followeth
His Excellency John Hancock Esq^r of Boston by Governor 27
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esq^r of Boston by L^{ft} Governor 23
Counsellors & Senators viz James Osgood Esq^r of Boston by 20
Josiah Stow Esq^r of Frammingham by - - - 24
Abraham Fuller Esq^r of Newton by - - - 19
Eliaser Brooks Esq^r of Lincoln by - - - 21
Ebenzer Bridge Esq^r of Chelmsford by - - - 14
Wth Isaac Stearns of Bitterica by - - - 7

November 23th 1798. M^r Nathaniel Wyman Shewed to the
Selectmen a Deed signed and acknowledged by David
Bacon of the Third Pew in the front gallery it being
a wall pew: The Selectmen in writing to it being
his property - - -

November 23rd 1798. M^r William Webber Shewed to the
Selectmen a Deed signed and acknowledged by
Capt. Joseph Abbott for one half of a Pew in Bedford
meeting house. D. pew is the front pew on the floor
in the woman's body next to the west end of the pew
the Selectmen consenting thereto - - -

(60) Benjamin Duran & son of y^e w^d Duran From chelmsford
Taken in by Benjamin Hutchingson April 13th 1784
Timothy Jones From puristown Taken in by William page
May 12th 1784

Lydia a negro Girl from Ashburham Taken in by Captain Good
July the first 1784

Rebekah Frost From Callicia Taken in by Cooper's pest
August 30th 1784

August 30th 1784
 From Athly
 The Runnet, Daughter of Abraham Bennett of Athly
 Taken in by Joseph Conner January 3: 1785
 Done by Joseph Conner

Nathan Kelly From Weymouth Taken in by
Thaddeus Litch. August. 31. 2th 1784

Aligant Vallat. From Boston taken in
by Lt. John Moore February 5: 10th 1784
with two children viz Aligant Vallat &
Peter Vallat —————

Chupnaman from Mantree April 4. 8th 1784

10. *Myiarchus pennsylvanicus* from Broomfield taken in by P. L. L.
pennsylvanicus Novemb. 28th 1784

April 14th 1785 Daniel Kendall from Waburn taken in
as an apprentice by Asa Fessenden

May 17⁸⁵ Thomas Dean from Woburn with his Family viz
Isabel his wife & Timothy & Thomas Dean his Children
came into the house that belonged to Timothy Johnson late
of Bedford Dec. 17⁸⁴

1785
May 3. P. Daniel Davis From Harvard taken in by Matthew Fitch

May 1 Rob Davis from Harvard taken in by Rob Lane

March 12th 1785. Ali Duren From Carlisle taken in by
Nether Litch

Wesley Hatch
July 4. 25th 1785 Capt. Moses Demond from Boston taken in by David Brown

June 16th 1785. Aul Maynard with his wife and two children viz
Audah Nickela his wife daughter and one child of his own called
Lucendia Taken in by Jonas Bacon

Vanatta Richardson from Woburn taken in by James Wright July 25: 1782

Memorandum from Robert Jackson to James Wright

Mary coat from Plymouth taken in by Joseph Pennaman June 28th 1783
 Joseph Pennaman from Mendon taken in by Joseph Pennaman Decem^r 4th 1782

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other
Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled
on the first Day of March & continued by an Adjournment
to the third Day of March A.D. 1784, the following votes
were passed viz

S.A. of Chape
Town Officer
Town Clerk
Select men
&
assessors

John Reed Esq. Grand Juror
John Webb Esq. John Moor Chosen Moderator of Meeting
John Webb Esq. Town Treasurer
Eph. William Merriam Town
Committee of Correspondence & Safety
Eph. John Moor
Eph. John Merriam
Eph. Timothy Jones
Eph. Christo. Page
Eph. James Wright

wardens

Israel Putnam } Sittingmen { Samuel Lane } Sworn
Nathaniel Merriam } Oliver Bacon }

Surveyors
of
Highways
Sworn

Eph. Edward Harris } Geneviewers { Samuel Lane Esq. } Sworn
Eph. Moses Abbot } Shaddoc Dean } Sworn
Mr. Josias Gleason } Field { Matthew Pollard } Sworn
Eph. Elizer Davis } Driven { Solomon Lane } Sworn
Mr. Jeremiah Fitch } Dear. { Nathaniel Page }
Mr. Shad. Davis } Rees { Eph. Moses Abbot }

Callers of roads
& measures

David Fitch } Callers of Lumber &c. Oliver Pollard } Sworn
Mr. Benj. Milchinson } Logchoppers Thompson & John Wheeler } Sworn
Moses Fitch
Joseph Hartwell

Constables

2d Ant

To know the Minds of y^e Town whether they will consent to
Lay this present year under the Regulation of y^e Law Voted in the
Affirmative

3d Ant

To know how much Money the Town will Grant to Repair the
Highways this present year; Voted Forty pounds £40-0-0

4th Ant

To know in what Manner the Town will proceed in Repairing the
Highways Voted in the same Manner that it was y^e last year

5th Ant

To know what Manner the Town will take to procure the Money
which is yet Due for Repairing the Meeting house; after Debating
upon this article y^e Town Voted Ninety pounds to be immediately
Laid on y^e Rate and to be paid within y^e Town of Bedford for
to pay for the Repairing the Meeting house & then voted to
Chuse five Men to to Enquire into the State & Condition of y^e Old
house and to treat with y^e owners of them & see if y^e will pay
any thing as Locals for repairing the Meeting house over
& above what they have already given & in what Manner
they will give it y^e Committee viz Do. Stephen Davis
Eph. Moses Abbot John Webb John Lane & Samuel
Lane Esq

6th Ant

To see if the Town will allow of & put upon Record the high
way or Road Laid out by the Select Men; Beginning at
an Apple tree in y^e Howlett Near David Fitch Barn Running
Southwardly about twelve Rods to the corner of
land to page 78

turn over to page 78

62] Francis Bowman Lane on Land of David Fitch
in Exchange for the old way that is now trod & the said David
Fitch is to Remove all incumbrances of the said Land at his
own cost; and the Land of the old way is to be Full
Satisfaction to y^e said David Fitch for the Land he exchanges
for the New way, after the Town took this matter under their
Consideration, they then voted in the affirmative
at that John Webb & Town Clerk

another voted to continue the First Art in the warrant till
the fifth day of April next, and then the town voted to Elect
of John Hartwell to serve as a Constable in the room of
M^r. Joseph Hartwell and also voted to Give each of the Constables
Fourty Eight Shillings - - - - - £4-8-0
Constables { Moses Fitch - Sworn
John Hartwell } Sworn

At a General Town Meeting on the thirteenth Day of May
A^d 1784 the inhabitants of the Town ^{of Bedford} being Legally
warned and assembled the following votes were passed viz
1st Art. To see if the town will Elect & Depute a good and Lawfull
person to serve for and Represent them at y^e General
Court this present year, Voted in the Negative -
2nd Art. To see if the town will Chuse a Committee to Sell the
Pews in the Meeting house that are unsold by private
sale or by vendueing them, or to do any thing with the
Pews that the town think proper, after Debating the
Matter the Town voted to appropriate some part of the Meeting
House for the Singers and then secondly voted three pews in the
front gallery for that purpose upon condition that such persons
as had purchesd any part of the said pews shall relinquish them
to the town and the town holding the three pews as the Towns
property, the first pew is in the front of the front gallery next
to the Min: side door and the two next adjoining pews, which
is appropriated for the Singers to sit in during the Towns
Worship and then Maids Chos of Mr. Jeremiah Fitch Jun^r and James
Lane Jun^r to tune the psalm &c Voted to Chuse a Committee to sell
or to sell the remaining pews at their discretion as they think best
for the benefit of the town the Committee viz L^{ieut}. John Meriam
John Webb & C^{pt}. Christopher Page

- At a general town Meeting on the Tenth Day of October A.D. 1784
 the inhabitants of the town of Bedford being legally warned
 and assembled the following votes were passed viz—
 1st Art. To know how much Money the town will grant to defray
 the Town charges this present year; voted Forty pounds £40
 2^d Art. To know in what Manner the town will proceed relating
 to the School this present year, voted to proceed in the same
 Manner that the town did the last year and then chose
 a committee for that purpose viz Mr. Jeremiah Fitch jun
 Samuel Lane jun Asa Fickett Stephen Mead &
 Lt. Eleazer Davis
 3^d Art. To know if the town will paint the Meeting house
 this present year or any part of it and grant money
 for that purpose or to do any thing the town thinks
 best, the town then voted to continue this Article till
 next annual March meeting
 4th Art. To know if the town will shut up the East and west
 Doors of the Meeting house any part of the year
 or to do any thing the town thinks best, the town then
 voted to shut up the East & west doors in the winter season
 when it is very windy or stormy so as to make the
 House uncomfortable During the town pleasure
 and then the Meeting was Dissolved—

At a Legal town Meeting on the Sixth day of Decem^r
 1784 the inhabitants of Bedford being duly warned
 and assembled the following votes were passed viz
 1st Art. To know if it be the minds of the town to hire
 Preaching whilst the Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennaman
 remains unable to preach or any part of the time
 or to do any thing the town thinks best—
 Dea. Helmer Davis chose Moderator of said Meeting
 and then the town voted to hire some preaching &
 then 2^dly voted to choose a committee to hire preaching
 viz Lt John Moore Thomas Page Samuel Lane jun &
 Lt John Meriam & Jeremiah Fitch jun & then 3^dly voted that
 the above said committee shall treat with the Rev. Mr.
 Joseph Pennaman in regard to their supplying the town
 with preaching & that the above committee supply the
 pulpit till the first Monday in January next & this meeting
 is continued to that day

At a Generall Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other
Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled on the Twentieth Day of March 1785

The following votes were passed viz Stephen Meacham and
J^r John Moore chosen Moderators of said Meeting

To chuse Town Officers	John Webb Samuel Lane jun ^r J ^r John Meriam	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Town Clerk John Webb
Town Treasurers Samuel Lane jun^r J^r John Meriam

Constables	Elihu Penniman sworn	{	Timothy Lane	{	Sworn
	Elijah Bacon sworn				

Surveyors of high ways	John Webb sworn	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Surveyors of high ways	David Page sworn	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Surveyors of high ways	Samuel Lane sworn	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Surveyors of high ways	J ^r William Meriam	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Surveyors of high ways	Elihu Penniman sworn	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Surveyors of high ways	Samuel Wright sworn	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright	{	J ^r John Meriam J ^r Timothy Jones J ^r Samuel Wright

Surveyors of Lumber Oliver Pollard and
David Felt and Bear J^r John Meriam

Surveyors of Leather Benjⁿ Hutchinson and Keavins J^r John Meriam

Surveyors of Hides Jonathan Willson and John Spake sworn

To know whether the wine shall go at large under the
regulation of the Law this present year Voted in the Affirmative

To know how much money the town will grant to Repair
the high ways & bridges this present year and in what
Manner the town will Repair the same Voted Fifty pounds
and to be laid out in the same Manner it was of last year

To know whether the town will except of the Gift of money
therefore to have an Luvor as Regulated by the Statute
then Voted in the Affirmative

To know whether the town will upon the Request of Mr
Reuben Duren, Make him any consideration, by Reason of his
not receiving his pay for Repairing the Meeting house
at the time of agreement Voted in the negative

an article in page 63 still continued by adjournment to the
first Monday in April next to which this Meeting is
adjourned to the town meet and continued thence to the next town meeting
and also voted each constable thirty six shillings for their
services this year

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on Monday the Fourth Day of April 1785

Art. For the town to bring in their votes for a Governor & Lt. Governor and also for Coun. & Senators for the year ensuing the following were then brought in viz

For a Governor	James Bowdoin Esq. of Boston	By	30 votes
Lt. Governor	Nathaniel Gorham of Charlestown	By	26 votes
Coun. & Senators	Josiah Storr Esq. of Frammingham	By	18 votes
	A. Elizer Brooks of Lincoln	By	15 votes
	Benjamin Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford	By	16 votes
	Benjamin Brown Esq. of Lexington	By	18 votes
	M ^r . Isaac Stearns of Billerica	By	14 votes

3d Art. in page 63. till continued till next town meeting

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled, on the twentieth of May 1785

1st Art. To sd if the town will elect & Depute a good & Lawfull person to serve for and Represent them at the State & General Court this present year Voted in the Negative

2d Art. To sd if the town will choose a town clerk and a select Man in the room of John Webb who being unable to serve the town by reason of his bodily indisposition and then the Meeting was continued by an adjournment To consider of the Last Article in the warrant, till the third Monday in June next which will be on the 19th Day of June. 1785

3d Art. in page 63 continued to this Meeting was then voted in the Negative

- 658) At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the The twenty Eighth Day of September A.D. 1785 —
1. Art. To know how much Money the Town will Grant to defray the Town Charges this present year Voted Fifty pounds for that purpose £50-00
2. Art. To know in what Method the Town will proceed relating the School this present year Voted Six Months Wrighttting School & 4thly Voted the First Month to be kept in the School house near the Meeting house 3dly Voted Four Months of the Wrighttting School to be kept in the Four quarters of the town a month in a quarter & 4thly Voted that the 1st 6th and Last Month of the Wrighttting School shall be kept in School house near the Meeting house and also Voted Four Months of a woman school a month in each quarter of the town Voted in the whole town monthly 12 months Reading & Wrighttting School this present year
3. Art. To know if the town will give the Select Men in functions how they shall support the towns poor or do any thing the town thinks best in regard to them Voted Not to act upon this article —
4. Art. To know if the Town will upon the request of James Willson abate him his rate due to A. A. Fapst a Hale constable or any part thereof or to do any thing the town thinks best Voted to abate James Willson's Rates due to A. A. Fapst —
5. Art. To know in what Method the town will build the pound this Art. not acted upon —
6. Art. To know if the town will paint the Meeting house or any part thereof or to do any thing the town thinks best, The town then Voted to paint the Meeting house and choose a committee for that purpose viz. L^{ts} John Meriam & Wm^{rs} James Wright William Page, and then Voted thirty pounds for that purpose to enable the committee perform the painting the Meeting house and Voted that the Meeting house should be painted by Next June Ensigning the Sait heard of
7. Art. To know if the town will Repair the Bellhouse, Voted to leave it to the Disposition of the Select Men to make what Repairs is necessary
8. Art. To know if the town will Charge some person to inquire into the Cause of the towns being presented by the Grand Jurors for not keeping a Reading & Wrighttting School through the year 1784 Voted that John Tubbs should answer to the grand Jurors — and then the meeting was dissolved —

Resolved that M^r Simeon Shearman & Shearman & Shearman be Select men a Dec^r of the one half of the forth in the first galing, signed by South & Foster & wife. D^d Dec^r 3rd 1800
The Select men consenting to said man

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Locust

67¹ ^{last from page 66} John Kops with his wife and Family from Kellura viz

1785 November 4th Benjamin Simonds with his wife and one child ^{called}
Benjamin two p^{re}ntes from Woburn one named Nathan Parker & Honor Monroe

Susana Wyman

1784 October Bezeli Lawrence from Lexington taken in by W^d Susanna Page

1785 Sonos Lawrence son of Bezeli Lawrence of Lexington came to town
to serve as an apprentice to Reuben Chown

W^d Martha Bond from Concord taken in by David Page

1785

Israel Putnam jun^r

Benjamin Lawrence from Ashby taken in by Nathaniel Page May 4th 27th 1785

Mannah Cartwright wife of Thomas Cartwright taken in by John Lane

January 4th 16th 1778

Samuel Crosby from Waltham taken in by Joseph Sturges April 30 1784
with his wife

Samuel Rich from Boston taken in by Jeremiah Crosby April 4th 1784

Polly Fletcher from Westford taken in by David Page August 4th 1785

Samuel Bullock from Concord taken in by Thomas Page January 10th 1785

Sonos Muam from Major son of Abraham Muam taken in by

Israel Putnam jun^r and his wife and one child W^d Abigail Bowman August 1785

from Exeter in New Hampshire taken in by Israel Putnam January 1785

Lydiah Ramont from Halden taken in by David Reed March 2nd 1781

Mary Bacon from Lexington taken in by Timothy Heston May 24th 1781

John Kops & wife Mary Kops & 3 children viz Mary Kops Sarah Kops &

Schubertson Kops from Kellura came to the Farm of Attyke Crosby

Nathan Bacon from Lexington taken in by Elijah Bacon May 4th 30 1785

Mary Gals from Kellura taken in by W^d Benjamin Bacon June 21st 1782

Lydiah Weaton born in Medway came to Needford from Woburn

with one child called Joseph about two or three months old

taken in by Sonos Bacon December 4th 24th 1785 the child born in

New Salem in New Hampshire

Abigail Reed daughter of William Reed jun^r of Lexington

taken in by Dr. Stephen Davis in April 4th 6th 1783

Francis Larus from Harvard taken in by Francis Bowman

in February 17th 1786

Israel Sanforth from Fitchburg taken in by Thomas Page

in March 1786

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the
Third day of April A.D. 1786 the following votes were given in
viz For a Governor, his Excellency James Bowdoin Esq. of Boston By 29 votes
Lieut Governor his Honor Thomas Cushing Esq. of Boston By 31 votes

18
(counsellors)
Nathaniel Gorham Esq. of Charlestown By 28 votes
Elihu Brooks Esq. of Lincoln By 29 votes
Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford By 26 votes
Joseph Agnew Esq. of Concord By 17 votes
Benjamin Brown Esq. of Lexington By 17 votes

24th To know if the town will give the committee any instructions, what
further they shall get for painting the Meeting house, or to give
the committee such instruction as they shall think proper
after taking the matter under consideration the town voted to leave
the matter up to the feller of the paint and the painting the meeting house
to the discretion of the committee chosen for the purpose of getting the
Meeting house painted

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the
Eighteenth Day of May ——— 1786

Act. To decide if the town will shut and depulse ——— a good and proper
person to send for & represent them at the General Court this
present year, Voted in the negative ———

Wid Susanna Haggitt with her son Amor Haggitt taken in by David Putnam July the 11th 1786

James Lak from Prince town taken in by Lieut. Eliza
Davis 13 September 1786

Elizabeth taken in by G^t Edward Thomas from Cambridge the 21th 1786

Karen Squith from Billerica taken in by John Perkins 17th 1786

Leah Stollon from Andover taken in by David San Josef
May the 22th 1786

Betty Sanforth from Billerica taken in by Zibedane July 1st 1786

~~William Moorhead~~ Boston from Cambridge taken in by James San Josef
Landed to the last page February the 1st 1786

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other
Inhabitant of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled on the twenty first day of August A.D. 1786
The following vote was passed viz
That we know how much money the Town will gain to
by paying the town charges this present year, voted by ye Town
£60
That we know what the third the Town will spend relating
the school this present year, voted to maintain the fighting
school & to be kept in the same manner it was kept last year
also voted to weaker women school in each quarter of
the year, and then chose a committee to provide the school
viz Capt. Moses Abbot & John Welcher & Stephen Mads
Elisha Pennaman & John Reed Sen
That we know if the town will take under their consideration
a circular Letter from the committee of several towns viz
Boston Ipswich & Shirley Townshead & Appley Mt
at Boston 12th day of June 1786 or to do any thing in
regard to the said circular letter that the town shall
think best — the voted to send delegates to convene
to meet the committee from the several towns viz
Leut John Meriam & Leut Timothy Jones

At a general Meeting of the Freeholders of the Town of Bedford
on the ninth day of September A.D. 1786, they then constituted
and appointed Leut John Meriam & Leut Timothy Jones
to meet with the committee from such towns as shall
assemble for to consult with the delegates that assembled at
Concord in convention on the twenty third day of Augt
last, at any town or towns they shall think proper to meet
at, in order to take consultatory measures to quiet the
minds of any body or bodies of people that shall attempt
to oppose Government in any unconstitutional manner
what ever —

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other
votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled
on the Eighth Day of January AD 1787

The following votes were passed viz

- 1st Art To take under consideration and report from the general Court
and then Reading proposed of the Town
- 2nd Art To say if the Town will have a new invoice taken in order to make
the Town Rates; this article not acted upon, the Town Rates to be
made by the last invoice
- 3rd Art To know in what way & method the Town will settle the Charge
of building the pound; this Article continued to next March Meeting
- 4th Art To know if the Town will grant any more money to defray the
ordinary charges arising in said Town voted forty pounds £40
- 5th Art To know if it be the mind of the Town that the Annual March Meeting
shall be warned by posting up notifications ~~at the meeting~~
then the Town voted that the annual March Meetings shall be
warned by Notifications at the meeting house door? During the
Towns pleasure

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the
Eighth day of January AD 1787

- 1st Art To know if the Town will grant any Sum of Money as an
encouragement to such Soldiers as shall voluntarily turn out and
March to Worcester for the Support of Government or to do any
thing in regard to the said men being Raised and Marched that
the Town thinks best
- and then voted to give the men that in list to go to Worcester at the Rate
of forty two Shilings per month and also voted to pay each
man as part of the above 42 twelve Shilings in case they have
Marching orders of the Town to have their wages allowed by y^e State
- And not voted by the Town but agreed to by the militia officers &
select men to give each of the above said men one dollar out
of the above said twelve Shilings in case they have not orders to March
to prepare them & over to March

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the 2th Day of April 1787
And in the warrant was for the said inhabitants to bring in to the select men their votes
for a Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators & Councilmen
Voted brought in as followeth viz

Governor John Hancock of Boston Esqr	-	-	By 42 Votes
Lieut Governor James Bowdoin of Boston Esqr	-	-	By 3 Votes
Sen ^r Benjamin Lincoln Esqr of Hingham	-	-	By 2

Lieut Governor Nathaniel Gorham of Charleston	-	By 32 Votes
Sen ^r Benjamin Lincoln Esqr of Hingham	-	By 12 Votes

Senators & Councilmen	{	Sen ^r Elazer Brooks Esqr of Lincoln	-	By 26 Votes
		Sen ^r Joseph Wad Varnam Esqr of Braintree	-	By 36 Votes
		Sen ^r Joseph Astor of Concord	-	By 25 Votes
		Isaac Stearns of Billerica	-	By 35 Votes
		Sen ^r Ebenezer Bridge Esqr of Chelmsford	-	By 23 Votes

a continued Article to this Meeting in regard to the Settlement of building
the pound left with the select men to settle as they think best

Town Meeting on the twentieth day of April 1787
then elected two Grand Jurors for the Suprem Court to be holden
at Concord on the first Tuesday of May 1787 Joseph Conover
and at said Meeting Drawed out of the Jurors list for the same Court
three petit Jurors viz J^r Edward Stearns, J^r Moses Abbott &
Lieut. Elazer Davis as

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford on the 1st day of May 1787

1st An^d To know if the Town will Elect and defraye a good and Lawful Man
to Surveyor and Represent them at the Great and General Court
this present year; Voted in the affirmative and made choice of
John Weeber

2^d An^d To know what the Town will allow such Soldiers as Marched
with J^r Christopher Page to Concord and to flow and for payed
to join the army
This article continued till next town Meeting

Eliza Juliana Davis from Harvard taken in by Ebenezer with
three children viz. John Davis & Lydia Davis & Anna Davis all
children of the above said Juliana Davis May the 4th 1786
Noble Gankin from dunstable taken in by R. Edwards Nealus N^o 15; 1787
Tak a negro from Concord taken in by Caesar Holland April 21th 1787
Tuk a negrowoman from Concord taken in by Caesar Holland April 21th 1787
John Jones from warrenton taken in by James Bowman April 21th 1788
John Jones taken in by Jonathan Willson from Woburn April 23d 1788
John Constant a negro & Spedley coming his wife & child from Boston
taken in by Caesar Holland & Anne his wife September 1787

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Volable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the Twentieth day of Septem. AD 1787 The following votes were passed viz

1st Art. To know how much money the Town will grant to defray the charges there of this present year vote Twenty pound; £ 700-0

2nd Art. To know in what Method the Town will proceed Relating the School Voted to keep the school in the same Manner, as to the time & places ^{it was kept the last year}

3rd Art. To know whether ~~the~~ it be the Minds of the Town to sell the front pew Gallery ^{in the Meeting house next to the Mens seats up gallery} Voted to sell said pew and Left it with the former committee to sell it, at their discretion as they think best

4th Art. To know whether it be the Minds of the town that the assessors for the present year, shall assess the county Tax by their voice taken in May 1786 or whether they shall take a new invoice Voted that the assessors take a new invoice if they shall think it necessary

a continued article at May meeting 1787 To know what the Town will allow those men that went with ^{the} ~~the~~ page to Concord & New in order to join Genl. Lincoln's army Voted Six Shillings per man

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Volable inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in the Elections of representatives; in the said Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the twelfth day of December AD 1787 and continued by an adjournment to the Nineth day of December inst. The following votes were passed

1st Art. For the purpose of chusing a delegate to represent said Town at a convention to meet at the Statehouse in Boston on the second Wednesday of January next & be able to a resolve of the Legislature of this commonwealth and then said choice of John Webster for the purpose above said

2nd Art. To know in what Method the Town will proceed in to procure money to pay the Town debts that are now called for; whether they will grant a new Tax for that purpose, or instruct the Town Treasurer to sue his Debtors against the Collection to procure the money; or to do any thing the Town thinks best

Then the Town voted that the assessors shall notify the several Collectors & Requesting them, to call upon the several persons named in their several Lists to pay up the several sums they stand charged with as later born on said Lists and if any person or persons are not able to ^{pay} the several sums, the collector are to notify the said person to appear before the assessors of said Town of Bedford at Jeremiah Fitch's at said Bedford on Monday the 31 day of December inst at one of the clock before said day; to show cause if any they have why they dont pay their several later

By Order of the Aidison of Bedford
John Allen Clerk

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Male inhabitants of the Town of Bedford assembled on the 1st day of April A.D. 1788 then brought in their vote for a Governor and Governor and counsellors in Mannar following viz

Gov ^r John Hancock Esq of Boston	by 43 votes
Gov ^r Nathaniel Gorham Esq of Charleston	by 16 votes
Gov ^r Samuel Adams Esq of Boston	by 14 votes
Gov ^r Benjamin Lincoln Esq	by 6 votes
Counsellors	
Joseph Bladnam of Braintree	by 31 votes
Joseph Horner of Concord	by 31 votes
Isaac Haines of Billerica	by 30 votes
Benzer Bridge of Chelmsford	by 31 votes
Eleazer Brooks of Lincoln	by 31 votes

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford assembled on the 13th day of May A.D. 1788

1st Article was to know whether the Town will elect and depute a good & Lawfull man to serve for & Represent the said Town at the Great and General court this present year

Voted in the negative Not to send

At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford assembled on the Twenty fifth Day of Sept^r 1788 Moderator

1st To know how much money the Town will grant to Defray the charge of this present year voted 70 pounds

2nd To know in what method the Town will proceed relating the school this present year voted the school in each quarter of the Town one month & two months in the middle of the Town as it was the last year & the school as it was the last year & chose a committee to conduct the school viz. William Page Oliver Bacon Nathl Weyman & Eleazer Lane & Jos^{ph} Johnstone

3rd To know whether the Town will upon the request of the Rev^d Mr Joseph Annaman a depty Com method where by he may receive his salary when it becomes due or direct the Treasury to give him a note for the same this article continued to the next town meeting

4th in regard to Thomas Woolley depty with the select men

5th To know if the Town will Repair the school house depty with the school committee to make such repairs as they think best

Pursuant to a Resolve of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
of the nineteenth of. Nov^r AD 1788

The select men of the Town of Bedford have caused the inhabi-
-tants thereof; duly qualified to vote for Representatives to
The General Court of this Commonwealth; to Assemble on
the Eighteenth Day of December 1788

1. A^t was for the inhabitants to give in their votes for a person to
Represent the people thereof in the Congress of the United States
and the votes were given in as followeth viz

Hon^{le} Joseph Maddle Varnam Esq^r of Trarut by 31 votes

Hon^{le} Elbridge Gerry Esq^r of Cambridge by 1 vote

- 2 A^t And on the above said day the following votes were given in
for two persons for electors of President & Vice President of the
United States 1789

1. Hon^{le} Francis Dana Esq^r by 30 votes of Cambridge

2. Hon^{le} Elizer Brooks Esq^r of Lincoln by 30 votes

In consideration of waiting the Road from Acorniah Fitch
to the Meeting house continued to March Meeting next

Pursuant to a precept from his Excellency the Governor of
the Sixth of January 1789

The select men of the Town of Bedford have caused the inhabitants
thereof duly qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court
of this Commonwealth; to Assemble on the twenty ninth of
January current the following votes were then given in for a person
to Represent the people thereof in the Congress of the United States

1. Hon^{le} Joseph Blamant Esq^r of Trarut by 24 votes

2. Hon^{le} Elizer Brooks Esq^r of Lincoln by 6 votes

At a General Town Meeting on Monday the 2 Day of March 1789
The Freeholders & other voteable inhabitants being legally assembled
on said day passed the several votes hereinafter mentioned
Maid Chous of Lt William Meniam Grand Juror for the ensuing year
Voted for Hon^{le} Ebenezer Budgets for County Treasurer by 26 votes
Ct Timothy Jones Moderator for said Meeting

	Town Clerk	John Webber	Sworn	Bything	Sworn	James Lane jr	Sworn	
Just men & others Sworn	{	John Webber	Sworn	{	Nathaniel Page	David Page	Sworn	
		Lat William Meniam						David Bacon
		William Page						
Town Treasurer	Lat William Meniam	Sworn	James Webber	{	Solomon Lane	Sworn		
Constables	{	Moses Fitch North	Sworn	{	John Webber jr	Sworn		
		Joseph Conners jr South			David Fitch			
Suroys of high ways	{	Samuel Lane jr +	Sworn	{	Matthew Collard	Sworn		
		David Page +			Thaddeus Dean +			
		Lat William Meniam +			Sworn	Samuel Hartwell	Sworn	
		Ct Timothy Jones +				Samuel Meniam	Sworn	
		Nathaniel Wyman +				William Mowell	Sworn	
	{	Ct Christopher Page +	Algonawan	{	Joseph Conners jr	Sworn		

- 2 Art To know whether the Town shall go at Large under the Regulation of the Law
this present year voted in the affirmative
- 3 Art To know how much Money the Town will grant to Repair the high
ways and Bridges the Ensuing year voted forty pounds £ 40-0-0
- 4 Art To know in what Manner the Town will Repair the high ways & Bridges
the Ensuing year voted in the same manner they were the Last year
- 5 Art To know if the Town will upon the Desire of Mr Joseph Hartwell & Capt of
a Road or high way Surveyed out by said Hartwell; From the Town Road
near Nathaniel Wyman; on Land of said Hartwell to the bars near the
Swelling house of Jeremiah Blood clear of any charge to the town for Road
voted to except the above said Road as a Town Road
- All Voted to except Moses Fitch as a constable in the place of
Stephen Lane allowing Stephen Lane as doing a turn for the said town of
Bedford he the said Stephen being chosen constable at the above Meeting
- All Voted to allow the constables for their services the same sum that was
allowed Moses Fitch & John Hartwell in the year 1784 in proportion to the sum they
they have to collect according to the value of the sum more or less
- The Town meeting continued by an adjournment with all the issues it till a next meeting

79) A general Town Meeting Legally assembled as the Law
Directs on the 6th Day of April 1789; the inhabitants
then gave in their Votes for a Governor Licut Governor Senators
Representatives ----- For the ensuing year

viz His Excellency John Hancock Esq. of Boston Governor by 35 votes
his Hon^r Benjamin Lincoln Esq. of Hingham Governor by 1 vote
his Hon^r Benjamin Lincoln Esq. of Hingham Licut Governor by 37 votes
and on said Day the inhabitants gave in their votes
For Senators & Representatives -----

viz Hon^r Joseph Small Narram Esq. of Braintree by 26 votes
Hon^r Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 26 votes
Hon^r Isaac Stearns Esq. of Hellenia by 26 votes
Hon^r Joseph Holmes Esq. of Concord by 26 votes
Hon^r Elazer Brooks Esq. of Lincoln by 26 votes

A continued Article acted upon, on the above said Day of April 1789
viz the seventh article contained in the warrant at March Meeting
on the third day of March A.D. 1788 Recorded in page 75
The Town then took said article with the committee's Report thereon
under their consideration, and after Debating the matter, the town
voted to Erupt the Road or highway in the manner hereafter
described, viz the Road Leading from the Meeting house to
Quemiah Fitch's Beginning at the South West corner of John
Lanes Land as the wall now stands adjoining the said Road running westerly
on a straight line to the South East corner of said Quemiah Fitch's
Shoemaker's Shop adjoining said Quemiah's Dwelling house; thence
running southerly across the Road from said South Easterly corner of the
Shoemaker's Shop three Rods and one third of a Rod, thence running
Easterly on a straight Line to a notched chestnut tree near the wall
as it now stands, & still running with a straight Line till it comes
to the Road as it is now Rod

The above article respecting the Road was continued from Meeting to
Meeting until the above Date

At a general Town Meeting Legally assembled 80)
on the Fourteenth Day of May 1789
for the purpose of Electing a man to Represent the Town
of Bedford at the Great and General Court this present
year; The Town voted not to send
a copy of the proceeding of said Meeting. Attested to by
William Meriam one of the
Select men

At a general Town Meeting Legally assembled on the 2^d Day
Septem^r 1789 the following votes were passed viz

- Leut William Meriam Moderator
- 1st Art. To know how much money the Town will grant to defray the ordinary
charges then of this present year the Town then voted eighty pounds £80
- 2^d Art. To know in what Method the the Town will proceed relating the
School this present year, The Town then voted that the School shall be
kept in the same manner that it was the Last year viz six months
weighting School the first month to be kept in the School house near the Meeting
house & one month in each quarter of the Town & the Last and sixth month
to be kept in the School house near the Meeting house, & then chose a committee
for the purpose of hiring & providing A School Master & School mistresses &
also voted six weeks wooman school in each quarter of the Town for
instructing the youth in reading, The committee viz Jonas Gleason
Leut Eleazer Davis Joseph Conover Leut David Reed &
Benjamin Hutchinson Chairman
- 3^d Art. To know if the Town will accept of a List of Jurors made out by the select
men, & select out from said List such number for each juror Bot as the
Law directs the Town then voted to accept the List & choose a committee
to join with the select men to select out of said List one quarter part of
the number in said List to be put into the Superior Bot and the remainder
in the inferior Bot
Committee viz
Leut. Eleazer Davis Esq. (this is the other page)

81) At a general town meeting legally assembled on the
First day of March. A.D. 1790 The following votes were passed
1. ^{By} Cpt Timothy Jones Moderator (Mr Joseph Conover Grand Juror
2. ^{And} Lieut William Meriam chosen to take Minutes of the votes for the meeting
& John Webber Town Clerk } Sworn

3. ^{And} open, John Webber }
Lieut William Meriam }
Lieut David Reed } Sworn

4. ^{And} Constables } John Webber }
J. Nathaniel Tryman } Sworn

5. ^{And} Surveyors of } Samuel Lane }
highways } Oliver Pollard }
Joseph Conover } Sworn
6. ^{And} Lieut John Moor }
Lieut David Reed }
Ensign Benjamin Bacon } Sworn

Lieut William Meriam Town Treasurer
The town then voted to give the
Treasurer two pence on the pound
for all the monies that passes
through his hands as Treasurer the
year past, and also for all the
money that may pass through his
hands as Treasurer the ensuing
year & Sworn

7. ^{And} Leather } Lieut David Reed }
Leather } Sworn

8. ^{And} Valors of } John Webber }
& measures } Sworn

9. ^{And} By things men } Nathaniel Page }
} Jonas Gleason } Sworn

10. ^{And} Fence viewers } Lieut John Sprague }
} Stephen Lane } Sworn

11. ^{And} } Lieut }
} } Sworn
12. ^{And} } }
} } Sworn

13. ^{And} } } Benjamin Bacon } Sworn
} } } Sworn

14. ^{And} To choose town officers and such ~~and that~~ committees as the town think proper for the
ensuing year

15. ^{And} To know whether the town shall go at Long under the regulation of the
Law this present year; the town then voted that the town shall not go
at Long the ensuing year; and then the town voted to have the town
that up from the fifteenth day of August this present year to the
last day of October; and the remainder of the year the town are to
go at Long under the regulation of the Law.

16. ^{And} To know how much money the town will grant to Repair the high
ways & Bridges this present year; the town voted Fifty pounds for that purpose

17. ^{And} To know in what manner the town will repair the highways; and
Bridges this present year; the town voted to have the wages for work
to be done at the highways to be the same as it was the last year; and also voted
that the select men shall direct where the work shall be done

18. ^{And} To know whether the town will determine and settle the limits
of school districts within this town and build a convenient school
house or school houses, or to do any thing relating to the school
the town shall think best, after taking this article under consideration
respecting the school; the town voted to choose a committee of
five men to take the matter into consideration and to report at April
meeting the committee viz John Webber Cpt Timothy Jones
John Reed Lieut John Meriam & Cpt Moses Abbot
This article continued to next April meeting carried forward

Brought forward
6: Art. To know whether the town will choofe a committee to examine with
the accounts and settle with former treasurers Mr. Samuel
Lane or to do anything the town thinks best.

The town then voted to choofe a committee to join with the
select men to examine into the accounts of the former treasurers
and report at next April meeting the committee for that
purpose viz D.^r James Wright D.^r Thaddeus Davis and
J^r Timothy Jones. ^{The above article was continued to April meeting}

7 Art. To know whether the town will upon the request of a number of
the inhabitants agree to give a bounty on the heads of crows
to incourage the killing that devouring bird of prey; and
then the town voted to give a bounty on crows heads killed
within the limits of the town of Bedford the ensuing year viz
Six pence per head for old and young crows heads and also
voted that the crows heads shall be carried and be deposited with
the town clerk and the said clerk is directed to draw orders on
the town treasurer for the payment of the above Bounty
NB the Above town meeting was continued by adjournments
to the 15 Day of March 1790 and then the town voted to give
the constables the same sum for their collections ^{the ensuing year} as was
given to the constables in the year 1789

NB At a town Meeting Legally assembled on the 5 day of April 1790
the town passed the following
voters viz William Mariani } Fish } William Page
Moderator; and then choofe } Wardens } John Spake
four persons as Fish wardens viz } } Moses Abbot } Sworn
} } Eliza Davis }

NB the town then voted to accept of John Webb as a constable
and collector in the behalf of Nathaniel Wyman that was
choofe at March meeting to serve as constable for the South Side
of said Bedford for the year 1790 allowing that the said Wyman
has done the town of Bedford a turn as constable & collector for 1790

April the 5th 1790 the 5 Article in the town warrant for March annual
meeting ¹⁷⁹⁰ was continued to this Meeting, the committee appointed to
take into consideration the circumstances of the town respecting the
School have attended to that Service and report the following
Propositions for the town to take into consideration viz

- 1 Proposition, is that the money granted by the town for to provide
Schools to be paid in arrears by it self
- 2 Proposition is for the town to hire such a school master as the
Law requires four months in a year
- 3 Proposition is for the four months writing school to be kept
in the middle of the town, unless all those that live on the
East Side of Shawshim river (save John Webb and Ruben
Duren) choofe to have their part of the four months kept
on that side of the river according to their pay
carried over

- 48) and when the School master has a very full school he shall principally attend to those that write and cypher —
- 4 Proposition is that in stead of the two months more writing school which the Law requires, to have a woman school eight months in a year or Equivalent thereto, in such districts as the Town shall agree to for that purpose, and if any one district shall neglect to find a place for the woman school, it shall then be kept ^{in the school house} in the woman school to begin about the middle of May and not kept more than in two districts at one time; the schools to be provided by the towns committee, and each school to be open and free for any of the inhabitants
- 5 Proposition is for the town to sell the old school house and build one larger, and more convenient
- The town then voted to except the report of the aforesaid committee, with this addition that the town be obliged to build school houses in the districts for the woman school in case any district shall apply for the same, and shall agree when the house shall be set up
- and then the town chose a committee to draw a plan for a school house and to report at May Meeting viz Reuben Duren Joseph Conner & David Sitch; and then continued this fifth article relating the school to May meeting next
- The General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the 20th day of September 1790 the following votes were passed viz
- Levi William Moriam Moderator

1. Voted to know how much money the town will grant to pay the charges then at this present year voted 40 pounds for the ordinary charges of the town & 40 pounds for the support of schools £ 80:0:0
2. Voted to know whether the town will repair ~~the~~ or rebuild the bell house or to do any thing in regard to said house the town then debated on this article, the committee appointed to draw a plan for a school house viz Reuben Duren Joseph Conner & David Sitch, reported by a plan to annex the bell house with the plan of the school house, and then the town voted not to except the plan of the committee, in form of the school house with annexing the bell house with the school house, and continued this article to October meeting
3. Voted to know whether the town will build a stone wall round the burying Land or to do any thing in regard to said Land, and then the town voted build a stone wall round the burying ground, and also chose a committee to improve the burying ground and report at next meeting, the committee for that purpose Thomas Hage & John Reed Esq with the select men viz William Moriam David Reed & John Webber, and they reported at the second meeting that the ground is staked out and in their opinion on the burying ground should be enlarged, and then the town voted to forward to the next page under October meeting on the 14 day 1790

Bedford April the 5th 1790

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At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the 5 day of April
A D 1790 The Freeholders & other taxable inhabitants then & since in their
Voted for a Governor & a Governor Senator & counsellors for the ensuing
Year. John Hancock Esq of Boston by governour by 39 votes
Honourable Samuel Adams Esq of Boston for Governor by 32 votes
Senator Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Schuylersford by 24 votes
Senator Hon^{ble} Charles Brooks Esq of Lincoln by 24 votes
Senator Hon^{ble} Joseph Middlebarnham of Braintree by 24 votes
Senator Hon^{ble} Joseph Hosmer Esq of Concord by 24 votes
Senator Hon^{ble} Isaac Stearnes Esq of Bellinca by 24 votes

At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the Fourteenth
Day of May 1790 For the purpose of Electing some one person to
Represent the town of Bedford at the Great and General court
this present year; the town then voted not to chuse any person
for that purpose; and on said day voted to continue the articles
in the warrant at the last March Meeting respecting the school &
school house and respecting Mr Samuel Lane a former Treasurer
untill the next Town Meeting

At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the
Fourth day of October A D 1790 For the purpose of giving
their vote for a person to Represent the people of this district in con-
-gress of the united States who shall be an inhabitant of this district
For the Hon^{ble} Nathaniel Gorham Esq of Charlestown by 22 votes
For y^e Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Fane Esq of Cambridge by 8 votes

= That the fore named committee to inspect the burying Ground; shall
Purchase Land and, all for the burying Ground as they shall think best
in compliance with the towns instructions the aforesaid committee
have purchased of ~~Schubert~~ W. Thomas Esq 86 rods of
land to enlarge the burying ground, and exchanged
with John Reed jun^r 26 rods & fifty eight links of the
land purchased of W. Page, to accommodate the burying
place; and sold to John Reed Esq 26 rods & 96 links of
of the land purchased of W. Page. the burying ground is laid
out as follows, viz at the north end it is 7 rods & five links
wide; the west side by the road it is 16 rods; and 25 links
at the south end it is 9 rods & 28 links wide; on the
East side it is 17 rods. the town accepted of the foregoing
and then the town chose a committee to fence the burying ground
with Stone wall as it is laid out by the aforesaid committee and the committee
are viz L^{ts} John Moor, Thomas Page L^{ts} Elazer Davis, E^{ts} Major
Albot, Jonas Gleason; L^{ts} John Page E^{ts} John Spauld L^{ts} John
Miriam, Ebenezer Pannan, L^{ts} Edward Hamer, Joseph Conover
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October: 4th 1790

83 The town voted to reconsider a vote that was passed not to Except
the Plan of the committee in regard to the plan of the School house
and bell house and it passed in the affirmative,
The town choose a committee to provide for the school viz
Moses Fitch Dea. James Wright Capt. Timothy Jones Dea. Amariah
John Reed Esq -

and then the town Reconsidered a former vote that had been passed
in the affirmative to build a School house in the middle of the town
and it passed in the affirmative Not to build any School house
and also voted to Reconsider all the votes that had been passed
relating the School & Schoolhouse to this day
Also voted not to Repair the bell house

Also voted to repair the old Schoolhouse in the middle of town
Also voted not to Make Mr. Samuel Lane Jud a late town

11 October 1790. Measure, any consideration for what he now owes the town
And then the town voted to Divide the town into five districts
and then chose a committee for that service viz

Dea. Thaddeus Davis Capt. Timothy Jones. Moses Abbot and
Joseph Converse Jr. Thaddeus Dean John Sprake
Thompson Bacon Lee David Reed Oliver Pollard
Elihu Pennaman - - - - - and then -

= The town granted forty pounds for the support of Schools
and voted four months writing ^{to be kept} school in the town School house
and two months Reading School in each quarter of the town
and then chose a committee to provide the school viz
Dea. James Wright Thaddeus Dean Joseph Converse Jr
Moses Fitch John Sprake

The above said committee appointed to Divide the town
into five districts Report as Followeth viz -

1st District to comprehend the houses of, David Reed, James
Wright, John Reed, John Lane, Amariah Fitch, Rev. Joseph
Pennaman, Amariah Puston, Job Lane, Richard Winship,
David Bacon, Michael Bacon, Nathaniel Wyman, Thomas
Page, David Page Oliver Pollard, Schoolhouse to be near David Bacon,

2nd District Oliver Reed Jr, Josiah Davis, Elihu Pennaman,
Stephen Hartwell Jr, Timothy Jones, John Moor, James C
Jones, Elias Davis, Zachariah Fitch, James Simonds
William Page. (Moses Fitch Joseph Converse Jr) forward the school to be
a little East of Capt. Timothy Jones

North District Benjamin Hulehinson, Matthew Fitch, Timothy Lane,
Josiah Hill, Moses Abbot, Jonathan Lane, Ziba Lane,
Edward Stearns, Nriah Goodwin, Samuel Lane Jr, Moses Fitch
Matthew Pollard, Samuel Lane, James Lane, James Lane Jr
David Lane
School house a little South of Ziba Lane

East District John Koss, Abner Wheeler, Thompson Bacon, Benjamin Bacon,
James Bowman, David Fitch, Simian Parker, Christopher Page, John
Webber, John Webber Jr, James Willson, Samuel Fawcett, David Wyman,
Thaddeus Dean, Jonas Gleason, Oliver Bacon, Thomas Dean,
The school house to be a little East of David Fitch's.

South District Thaddeus Davis, Joseph Conover, Joseph Conover Jr, Nathaniel
Meriam, William Meriam, John Meriam, Oliver Reed, Nelson Dunn,
Nathaniel Wyman, School house, Joseph Hartwell, Stephen Hartwell
The school house to be a little North of Nathaniel Meriam's Gate
The committee also proposed to the town if they should think best
in lieu of five districts, to reduce it to four. They have proposed to
subjoin, to the West District, the House of Job Lane, Amariah Pustan
Lucanah Fitch, and the school house to be a little west of a swamp
and on the north of house of Oliver Pollard, David Page, Michael
Bacon, Thomas Page, Richard Winship, and the house to be a little
North of Matthew Pollard's.

And on the East the house of David Reed, Nathaniel Page,
Nathaniel Wyman, David Bacon, & house a little North of John Webber's
And on the South John Lane, James Wright, John Reed the
house to be a little South of William Meriam's Barn on land of

Nov. 22: 1790
Nathaniel Meriam (the committee that signed the report was) out of ten
after the town had taken the above report under their consideration & debated
upon the report respecting Districting the town into Districts and building
School houses, the town then voted to Dismiss the article in regard
to districting the town and building School houses

ND the 3. Art in the warrant at March meeting begun and held at Bedford on
the first day of March 1790 was been continued from town meeting
to town meeting untill the 22 day of November 1790 and then the article
was Dismissed and the Meeting Dissolved

From October 24th 1790 the said goodaid was put to bond with. Moses Abbot and
untill March meeting next & of shilings 86, one half penny per week

87. At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and
other votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
assembled on the 10 day of January 1791 the following
Articles were presented viz
J^r Timothy Jones Moderator

Article 1st of the Town will take under their consideration a
Letter from the Mayor of Carlisle dated December the
7th 1790 respecting building a Bridge over the
River; and then the Town chose a committee of seven
men, to ^{have} conference with the committee of Carlisle upon
the matter respecting the building a Bridge over the
river; and instructed their committee to visit the ground
from Bedford to Carlisle and further if necessary, and
see where the most convenient place is for a Bridge
Committee for that service viz John May, John Webber
John Abbot Timothy Jones Thomas Page Richard Duran
John Spake; And then continued said meeting by an
adjournment untill the 31 day of January ^{next} 1791 and then
the committee ^{was} not prepared to report
The Town meeting was continued by an adjournment untill the
1st March Meeting, and then continued to May Meeting next
and nothing done at May Meeting respecting the above said article

At a general Town Meeting Legally assembled on the 7th day of March
the following votes were passed viz Saml Wright moderator 1791
Grand Juror for the ensuing year viz Saml Wright
Number of votes for a county Treasurer Samuel Badtlet of Concord by 41
Number of votes for a county Register William Winthrop of Cambridge by 20
1st Art. John Webster Town Clerk. sworn. Leut William Maria Town Treasurer sworn

select men the assessors { John Webster all
William Maria
Christ^l Page sworn
Samuel Lane -
James Wright - } Constables James Lane for the north side of
of the town he agreed with Moses Fitch and the
town excepted Major Fitch for a constable in behalf
of James Lane for allowing that the said Lane
a turn for him till as constable & collector for
the town of Bedford for the year 1791

Constables { David Bacon for the south side of the town } both sworn
also voted to give the aforesaid constables each of them 30 for their services in the fall by
for collecting the taxes

Surveyors { Edward Hamer sworn
Josiah Still sworn
Oliver Reed - sworn
James Jones sworn
David Fitch sworn
Nathaniel Page } Fishwardens { Major Abbot
Nathaniel Wyman } all sworn
Oliver Reed for
fighting men { Major Abbot for
Solomon Lane } sworn

middle of town list to select a whittish
Tud drivers { Oliver Reed for sworn
Mathew Pollard sworn } June weavers { Shadous Dean sworn
Samuel Hartwell sworn }

Leather David Reed sworn { Sealers of writs & maps John Webster for sworn }

Surveyors of lumber { Oliver Pollard sworn } Scavengers { Samuel Maria
Roman Parker - sworn }

Hogreaver { Reuben Reed and Roger Reed sworn }

2nd Art To know whether it be the mind of the town that the Towne shall go at Large under
the regulation of the Law this present year, the town then voted that the Towne
shall be under the same regulation they were the last year

3rd Art To know how much money the town will grant to repair the high ways and
Bridges this present year voted last by pound - £60

4th Art To know in what manner the town will repair the high ways & bridges this
present year; voted to proceed in the same manner they were repaired the year
before last

5th Art To see if the town will repair or rebuild the Bell house, or to do anything in regard
to said house the town thinks best; this which continued to April meeting next
and chose a com mitte to examine the bell & bell house and report their opinion
about the bell & house of com mitte Benjamin Bacon Oliver Pollard &
Reuben Duren this article continued to May Meeting and then the
town voted to have the bell house raised square and to shorten this steeple
and turn the bell and up the bell in that position and choose a
com mitte for that purpose viz Benjamin Bacon Oliver Pollard
Joseph Conners for the above service

89/ 16. A To know whether the Town will open a Road formerly Laid out as an open Road through Land of Joseph conway, to Land of Stephen Mudd thence running South by by the Stephen dwelling house to the high way Laid out from Sen coln to Bedford Line; or whether the Town will Exchange the above said Road with the afore^d Joseph conway upon condition that the said Joseph will give to the town in Exchange for the afore mentioned Road or high way; A Road two pole wide, beginning at the road near said Joseph dwelling house and running the South side of said house westerly untill it comes to the road leading from Lincoln to Bedford, at the cost and charge the said Joseph to fence off the said ^{road} at his own cost and charge; or to do any thing in regard to the afore said roads the town think best
This Article continued to next April meeting and chose a committee to view the Roads and report at April meeting committee viz: John Mearns Joseph And well John Keady De. Thaddeus Davis Lt. William Mearns
above article continued to May meeting and at May meeting said article was continued to September meeting 1791 and at September meeting the article was continued to the next Town Meeting
At April Meeting 1792 this article continued to next Meeting 1792

7 At To see if the Town will upon the account of James Simonds give him the full or any part of a note of hand signed by the said James to y^e Treasurers of said town For the sum of £ 5-14-9-3 on instrument dated october 13th 1783 for back taxes, the town then voted to accept of the said James the sum of 60 shillings to be paid down to the Treasurers and 30 shillings by giving him note to y^e Treasurers with interest payable the ensuing Fall in full compensation for the above said note

To see if the Town will continue the Bounty on cow heads the ensuing year the town voted to continue the Bounty on cow heads this, next year and also the price of the old cow heads from what they were the last year in full and this present year constituting for the old cow heads 10 shillings for the young cow heads; and to be deposited in the same manner they were the last year

the General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other estate
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the fourth
1st Art Day of April 1791 for the purpose of electing a Governor, Lieut
Governor, Counsellors & Senators for the ensuing Year viz
His Excellency John Hancock Esq of Boston was elected Governor by 40 votes
His Honor Samuel Adams Esq of Boston Lieut Governor by 37 votes
the following persons were elected Senators & Counsellors viz
Hon^{ble} Eleazer Brooks Esq of Lincoln by 32 votes
Hon^{ble} Joseph B Varnam Esq of Braintree by 32 votes
Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Chelmsford by 32 votes
Hon^{ble} Joseph Hapner Esq of Concord by 32 votes
Benjamin Brown Esq of Lexington by 17 votes
Hon^{ble} Isaac Hearn Esq of Billerica by 12 votes
Samuel Thompson Esq of Woburn by 3 votes
and then the town proceeded to the other articles in the Warrant (Jst Timothy
Jones Moderator
2^d Art To know in what Method the town will proceed relating the school
or to do any thing respecting the school the town thinks best
and then the town voted to build four school houses one in each
quarter of the town nearly the bigness of the town schoolhouse; and
then the town voted to consider the above vote for building four
school houses in each quarter of the town; upon these principles; that the old school
house be moved into one of the quarters of the town and a new school house
built in the middle of the town, one quarter bigger than the old school house
and the old school house to be repaired and made equal to three of the
three new ones that are to be built in the other three quarters
and then the town choose a committee to view each quarter of the town
and report at next May Meeting when it is left to the said school
houses and to ascertain the cost that the moving the old school house
and building the new school houses will amount to
Committee for that service viz James Wright Moser Abbot
Benjamin Bacon Joseph Jones Timothy Jones
The above article respecting the school and houses continued to next
May Meeting
3^d Art To know how much money the town will raise for the support of schools
this article continued to next May Meeting
4th Art To see if the town will upon the request of Samuel Lane yd alate town
treasurer consider a vote past the fourth day of October 1790 respecting
the balance due from Lane to the town and if the town consider the above
vote; then to see if the town will make him any consideration for the whole
or any part of what he now owes the town or to do any thing respecting his
request the town thinks best this article continued to next May Meeting
5th Art To know if the town will sell the old paper money now in the hands of the town
treasurer or to do any thing in respect to the said money the town thinks best
this article continued to next May Meeting

9th At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other
votable inhabitants ^{of the town of Bedford} Legally assembled on May 9th 1791
A^d Voted of the Town with Elit & Depute a good and Lawful
Person to save for and Represent them at the Great and
General Court this present year ^{the following bills were passed}
and then the Town voted Not to send a representative
this present year

10th Article in the warrant at March Meeting 1791 continued to this meeting
Respecting a road with Joseph Convan and Stephen Mudd
Continued to Sept^r Meeting 1791

2^d A^d in the warrant for April meeting respecting old paper money
continued to this Meeting the Town voted that the select men shall sell
the said paper money when they think best

4th A^d in the warrant for April Meeting ¹⁷⁹¹ respecting Samuel Lane & Co's
Request continued to this Meeting and then the Town did not
grant him his request

2^d A^d in the warrant for April Meeting 1791 Respecting the School
Continued to this Meeting the Town then Debated upon the article
and then continued this Article to September Meeting 1791

At a General town meeting of the Freeholders and other votable
inhabitants ^{of the town of Bedford} Legally assembled on September 25th 1791
the following votes were passed viz William Meriam Moderator

1st A^d To know how much money this Town will grant to defray the
ordinary charges this present year Voted Sixty pounds £ 60-0-0

2^d A^d To know whether the Town will Discontinue a road or highway
formerly Laid out through Land of Joseph Convan & Land of
Thaddeus Davis to Benches Lane or to do any thing in regard to
said road the Town thinks best; the Town then voted to continue
this article to the next Town Meeting; and also a continued article to
this Meeting respecting Joseph Convan & Stephen Mudd inserted in the ^{the warrant}
for March Meeting 6 Article

3^d A^d Voted of the Town will choose a committee to defend the Town by
all proper measures to prevent their being a county road Laid
out on the North East Side of the town of Bedford or to do any
thing in respecting ^{the town of Bedford} said road; the Town then voted to raise a committee
of three men for to defend the town by all proper measures to prevent
their being a road Laid out on the North Easterly part of of the
said town of Bedford Committee for that service viz John Webber
William Meriam Christopher Page

4th A^d then the Town took under their consideration a continued article
inserted in the warrant for April Meeting ¹⁷⁹¹ respecting the School
and School house and then the town after debating upon this
article respecting school & school house voted to consider all
the votes that had been passed respecting the school and school
house to the present day and then voted to continue this Meeting
by an adjournment to Monday the 26 day of this instant
September; and then raised a committee consisting of seven
men to consult the interest of the town and what is best
for the town to do Respecting the school & school house
Committee John Reed, Roger Abbot, John Webber
Thad^s Davis, Thomas Page Thad^s Davis, Timothy Jones carried forward

and report their opinion respecting the School and School house
Bedford Septem 26th 1791 The Town then Met agreeable to the aforesd.
adjournment for a further consideration of the article respecting the
School & School house; the committee appointed to report their opinion
respecting the School and the building new School house have attended that
business; and find the situation and circumstances of the town to be
such that we do not reconcile the town give our opinion that it is best
for the town to keep a writing school seven months the month
in the middle of the town; the other four months in the quarters; Not more than
two schools for three kept at one time whether a writing school or not. the fourth
quarter for to allow the East quarter for to have the most school the East quarter
having the most inhabitants and so situated that they can best send to
that school; We like wise think it best for the town to build one school house
in each quarter the likeness of the school house near Dr. Nathan Reeds of
Lexington and a new school house in the middle of the town one quarter
higher than the first school house; their report agreed to by all y. aforesd. committee
after the town had taken the above report under their consideration it was not
excepted by the town

and then the town voted to build four school houses one in each quarter
of the town the likeness of the school house near Dr. Nathan Reeds of Lexington
and the places where the said school houses shall be built shall not be build
one mile and a half from the meeting house and to repair the old school
house & then voted to build the aforesaid school houses within one year from
this date; also voted that the said houses shall be built at the cost and
charge of the town also voted to raise a committee of twelve men to inspect
each quarter and to appoint the place where the houses shall be built
and report to the town the next town meeting; and voted to raise
£80 pounds for the purpose of building said houses

Committee for the above service viz. M^r Abbott. M^r Sitch.
Solomon Lane. Timothy Jones. Elazer Davis. Elisha Pomeroy
Christopher Page. Jonas Gleason. Benjamin Bacon
Joseph Conner. David Davis. William Meriam

on 2^d day voted to have four months writing school in the town
school house; and two months reading school in each quarter
and then choose a committee to provide school master & mistress
and repair the houses & road - and said committee together with the select
men to visit and inspect the schools; committee for the above service
viz. David Reed. Timothy Jones. M^r Abbott. J^d. Nathl.
Page. William Meriam.

and good all put to bed with Joseph conner & 3/4th week and to work
for her till till next march meeting.

2^d Article in the Town Aid warrant was continued from time to time to
the second day of April 1792 and then the town voted to; to provide
the road or high way mentioned in said Article

93) At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Votable
Inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the
28 day of Decr 1791 the following vote were passed viz
At To know what the the town will doe relative to the petition
of Carlisle and others for a way from Bedford meeting house to
Concord River, in answer to the citation of the Hon^{ble} committee
appointed by the Hon^{ble} court of General Sessions of the peace
to view and Enquire into the necessity and convenience of
said way - } and then the town voted to raise a committee of seven
Men to view the proposed way, and to measure the several ways
and to ascertain the cost, of the land for either of the said ways and what
it will cost for to make and repair a good Road from Bedford meeting
house, to Concord river on either of the said ways & to have a conference
with Carlisle if they think best and report their opinion at the adjourn
ment. ^{Christophers Page Moderator} Committee for that service viz John Reid, Major Abbot
John Moore, Thomas Page, John Twibler, Timothy Jones, Chas. Page
and then the town voted to continue said meeting by an adjournment
to the first Monday in February next at two o'clock Monday
Monday 6th day of February 1792 the town then met agreeable to the
adjournment and then the afore said committee reported the measure
of the several roads from the 16 mile Ston near Jeremiahs Fitch
viz From 2 mile Ston to the two brother rocks by Mr Samuel Lane &
2 miles and $\frac{1}{2}$; From said White Ston through the Swamp by Job
Lane house to the river near oak Island 1 mile $\frac{1}{3}$ & 48 Rods
From said mile Ston over Zechariah Fitch causeway to the river
near oak Island 2 miles & 100 ~~rod~~ Rods. as measured by Zechariah Fitch
and then said committee appointed to report their opinion in respect
to the opening a high-way to Concord river that there might
be a bridge over the same into Carlisle; report that it is their
opinion that the opening of a high way where Carlisle propose would far
Exceed the benefit thereof that being, above four hundred rods of
Meadow, deep Swamp, and low flat Land, that must be surveyed
and the whol of the same Laying in Bedford Laying about
Eight rods where we have neither Ston nor Earth suitable
with in a mile that fore we think it is very unreasonable,
and imposing upon the town of Bedford for them to think for
to make us their Slaves for ever as we shall be, if we should
be held for to maintain a highway where they propose, the
only place in our opinion where there can be a highway into
Carlisle is at the two brother rock which place is most convenient
for the petitioners who are ^{on the} westerly part of that District, the
easterly part of Chelmsford, and part of Wifford, at that place
instead of above four hundred Rods of carrying them will not
need but about one hundred and twenty ^{rod} and at that place
there is earth plenty, the carrying will be on that side the river
where they will principally receive the benefit thereof, however
we are willing for to help them over the river where they may stand
upon good bottom, and do something for them that we trust the
court committee will think is Honorable to the town
carried forward

Therefore we propose for the town to build a bridge at the two
Brother Rok one half the way over the stream or to the middle of
the canal and maintain the same with a high way there to
Provided those individuals in Bedford who wish for to have a high-
way into Carlisle will advance so much as will open the same to
the two Brother Roks with out any charge to this town —
After the town had maturely considered the aforesaid report they
voted in the affirmative to accept the said report —
and then the town voted to raise a committee of five men to defend
the town against any other place for a bridge over concord river
to Carlisle, but that at the two Brother Roks, so called, and to see what
money their inhabitants will subscribe to open a Road to the two
Brother Roks, as reported by the committee aforesaid —
Committee for the above service viz John Reed; John Webber
Moses Abbot, John Meriam & Thomas Page —
also voted to continue said meeting to the last Monday in February
inst at two o'clock on said day —

Monday February 27th 1792 the town met agreeable to the adjournment
the committee appointed to see what money they could get by
subscriptions informed the town that the sum subscribed for to
open a high way to the two Brother Roks was not a sum any way
equal for that purpose; After the town had maturely considered the
aforesaid information from the aforesaid committee, there was
a motion made to the town and second viz —
if a high way is not opened to the two Brother Roks, with out any
charge to the town as is proposed; whether the town will open
the same; provided the county committee shall think Bedford
ought to open a high way; that the town, did neither request
or need; When so very expensive; and likewise provided the Govt.
of Carlisle shall open a high way from thence through said
Sister to ward: Given to the acceptance of the county committee
After the aforesaid motion was maturely considered, the town
voted in the affirmative —

At a choice Town Officers and such committees as the Town thinks best
 Thomas, Wm. Latham, Mer. Am. Loan & John. Weber Town Clerk, were

<p> <i>Lawyers</i> <i>& High</i> <i>Sealers</i> </p>	<p> <i>Stephen Lane sworn</i> <i>Moses Abbott junr. sworn</i> <i>Stephen Meeds</i> <i>Isaac Lane sworn</i> <i>Elihu Pannaman</i> <i>David Reed sworn</i> </p>	<p> <i>Anything</i> <i>men</i> </p>	<p> <i>Nathaniel Page sworn</i> <i>Oliver Pollard sworn</i> <hr/> <i>Edo</i> <i>Sworn</i> </p>	<p> <i>Stephen Lane sworn</i> <i>Nathaniel Pollard sworn</i> <hr/> <i>Nothing</i> <i>deaths</i> </p>	<p> <i>David Reed sworn</i> </p>
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} Thompson Bacon For the South side of the town & sworn
 } Coramant Willson For the North side of said town & Jonathan & David
 Benjamin Abbot to serve as constable & collector in his place
 and the town voted to accept him as constable & collector in behalf
 of the town & Jonathan Willson for the ensuing year; allowing
 that the Dr. Jonathan has served the town as constable & collector
 and voted to give each of the constables thirty shillings as a
 compensation for their service as constable & collector.

the office and meeting was continued till the 14th of April 1792, and then Benjamin Abbott was chosen and appointed as patron, stable & butcher in the place of John than last year. A 2nd. John Abbott 2nd was chosen and was spoken by his word that "his brother Benjamin" had in his duties as stable and butcher that he would not let his men nor and change to any other man all the duty as stable & butcher and his brother Benjamin Abbott have engaged to do for the town of Exford

Q. A. To know whether it is the mind of the Town that the Swine
shall go at large under the regulation of the Law this present year
voted that the Swine shall be under the same regulation that
they were the last year viz to have the Swine shut up from the
fourteenth day of August this present year to the last day of October,
and the remainder of the year the Swine are to go at large under
the regulation of the Law ~~passed forward~~

- 3^d A^t To know how much money the town will grant to repair the high ways and bridges this present year; voted twenty pound. £ 20
- 4th A^t To know in what manner the town will repair the high ways and bridges this present year —
voted to proceed in the same method they were repaired the last year
- 5th A^t To know whether the town will have the bell rung this present year under its present situation or to do any thing respecting the bell they shall think best; voted to have the bell rung and the ring of the bell altered to the old place —
- 6th A^t To know whether the town will accept of a high way that the select men laid out beginning near the westerly end of the eastly bridge on the new high way bealed, about half a rod on land of John Reed running Easterly and Southerly with a circle so as to cut off a sharp corner, where said new high way meets the old road leading from Bedford to Lexington. this article continued to next April Meeting 1792 then the town considered the above Article and bounded the above said Road as followeth viz Beginning at the Easterly end of John Reed's Stone wall on the South side of the new high way & bealed, running Easterly with a straight line so as to widen toward at the westerly side of the Easterly bridge about half a rod then running Easterly with a straight line to the Northwesterly side of a bunch of gray oaks then running Easterly and Southerly with a circle by three white oaks then marked on the North Easterly side of said tract, and coming into the old road leading from Bedford to Lexington about ten rods Southerly from the corner of the land belonging to John Webber where the said new high way was laid out to meet the old road as above said and that the over plus land that lays to the North & North Easterly between the bounds of the above road and land of John Webber and the old road is to lay common by the Reeds consent and then the town voted to accept of the alterations in the Road as above bounden and described that John Webber Town clerk
- 7th A^t To know whether the town will upon the request of a number of their inhabitants of P. Town of Bedford, adopt any method to prevent, cheap horse and meat cattle, from going at large on the common or high ways leading through said town or any part thereof, or to do any thing respecting request the town then voted in the affirmative as the article stand not to have any cheap horse meat cattle to go at large on the common or high ways this present year
- 8th A^t To know whether the town will upon the request of a number of the inhabitants of P. Town of Bedford, reconsider their vote passed on the second and third article at their meeting on the fourth day of April last and continued to the fifth day of September last so far as they respect building school houses, and granting money for that purpose voted in the affirmative to reconsider the vote at said meeting so far as they respect building school houses and granting money for that purpose
- 9th A^t To say whether the town will continue the bounty on mowers head this present year voted in the affirmative

97 At a general town meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
inhabg hands of the town of Bedford Legally assembled
on the 26 day of March 1792 the following votes were
passed viz. L^d. Timothy Jones Moderator

1st Art. To know the mind of the town whether they will upon the
request of a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
Build a school house in each of the quarters of said town or to
do any thing respecting building school houses the town thinkg
the town then voted to build four school houses one in each quarter
of the town this present year; and one in the middle of the town
in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four
East^y and then voted that the school house that is to be built in the East
quarter shall be built near where John Webb^r now liveth not
to exceed one mile and half from Bedford Meeting house; and said
house is to be built twenty feet by twenty two ^{feet} on the ground

North quarter The school house to be built in the North quarter shall be built half
way from where the old school house stands and the corner of the
lane that goes to Samuel Lanes^r and the bigness of said house
is to be 18 feet by 20 feet on the ground

West The school to be built in the West quarter shall be built near
L^d Timothy Jones not to exceed one mile and half from Bedford
Meeting house and the bigness of said house on the ground is to be
16 feet by 18 feet

South quarter South school house to be built: Between William Meriam
and Nathaniel Meriam's gate on a hole of land near a bush tree
and the bigness of said house on the ground 16 feet by 18 feet

2^d Art To know how much money the town will grant for the
purpose of Building school houses

The town voted to raise one hundred pound: for the purpose of
building the four school houses in each quarter of the town £100:0:0
and then voted to raise a committee of twelve men for the purpose
of building the said school houses viz

For the East quarter { Benjamin Bacon
Christopher Page
John Webb^r

Committee
For North quarter

Moses Abbot^r
Moses Fitch
Solomon Lane

Committee
For East quarter

Timothy Jones
Abel Meriam
John Spake

Committee
For South quarter

Joseph Conners
Thaddeus Davis
William Meriam

A general Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other
Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally warned
as the constitution directs ^{held} on Monday the 2 day of April 1792
For the purpose of giving in their votes For a Governor and Governor
of said commonwealth, and Senators & counsellors For said district
votes For the following persons were give in counted and sorted
and declaration there of made, in ^{the} constitution is directed
viz Governor John Hancock Esq. of Boston by 32 votes
Lieut. Governor Samuel Adams of Boston by 31 votes
Senator Oliver Brooks Esq. of Lincoln by 30 votes
Senator Joseph Apiner Esq. of Concord by 30 votes
Senator Joseph Hadle Varnan of Braintree by 30 votes
Senator Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 29 votes
Senator Gad Stearns Esq. of Bellevue by 30 votes
Senator Benjamin Brown Esq. of Lexington by 1 vote.

then the town proceeded to the other article in the warrant and the
following votes were passed viz Jst Timothy Jorier Moderator
2d Art To know in what manner the town will proceed in summoning
the Votable inhabitants of said town, to attend the Town meetings
For the future, this article continued to may Meeting next

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally warned as the consti-
tution directs on Monday the 14th day of May 1792

1st Art To see if the town will elect a good and lawful man to serve for
and represent them at the general court this present year
The following votes were passed viz the town voted to send a rep-
sentative to the general court this present year, and voted for col. Timothy
Jorier and he refused to except the choir and then the town reconsidered
the first vote for sending a representative to the general court this pre-
sent year and then voted not to send a representative to the general
court this present year

2d Art To see if the town will take into consideration the memorial of
the representatives of some towns in the county of Middlesex praying
that the town of Concord may be established the third town, or to do any
thing respecting said Memorial the town think best

After mutually considering the said Memorial the town voted that in their opinion
the prayer of said Memorial should be granted; the above 2d Art in the
warrant at a April Meeting 1792 was continued to this meeting and
after the town mutually considered the above said article they voted as
followeth viz that the warning of the annual meeting viz March April
and May Meetings the inhabitants shall be summoned to attend said meetings
by a warrant to be posted at the front door of the meeting house in Bedford
with the several articles to be ~~acted~~ acted upon and a post up at the East and
West door of said Meeting house of the day and hour the meetings are appointed in the
warrant at the front door during the towns pleasure

99. At a general Town Meeting of Freeholders & other
Notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally
Assembled on the fourth day of September A.D. 1792
and continued by an adjournment to the tenth day
of September Afore Said to act upon the following Article
viz. Lot Timothy Jones chosen Moderator of said Meeting
1st Art. in the warrant for said Meeting was to know how
much money the Town will grant to defray

the charges there of this present year
L 40 The following votes were passed viz. voted to raise forty
pounds for the ordinary charges this present year and
L 45 = Forty five pounds to be appropriated for schools
2nd Art. To know what method the Town will provide in relating the school
voted the following manner viz. Six weeks of writing schools
in each quarter of the Town, and Six weeks of writing
School, in the School house in the middle of the Town
and the remainder of the afore said 45 pound appropriated
for schools to be expended in woman^{teachers} schools, and also
voted to raise a committee of five men for to provide
a school master or masters School mistress or mistresses
and other necessaries for the support of the schools
Committee for the above service viz. Samuel Wright
Thompson Bacon, Moses Hatch, Benjamin Bacon
Timothy Jones — — — — —

3rd Art. to know if the Town will except of the List of such
persons, as the Just men have laid out to lay before the
Town, to have or jurors, and list out from said List
such number for each juror Box as the Law directs
the Town voted to except of such persons as were laid
before the Town for jurors by the Just men
and also voted that the Just^{men} list out of said List one
quarter part of the whole number for to be put into the
Grand juror Box as the Law directs

And gradual put to Bond with Moses Abbot jurd from the
afore said Meeting untill next March Meeting at 3/7 per week

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholder and other votable
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled & duly
qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this
Commonwealth on the second day of November 1792 —

1st Act. For the purpose of giving in their votes for their respective
Representatives to the next Congress of the United States for the first
District viz

For Middlesex county Joseph B Varnam of Braintree	19 votes
Suffolk county Benjamin Austin of Boston	19
For Essex county Samuel Holden of Danvers Esquire	21
For the first District ^{Cambridge} Elbridge of Cambridge	19
For the Commonwealth at Large except the main William Heath Esq	18 votes
of Roxbury	

2nd Act. For the purpose of giving in their votes for a number of persons as
electors assigned to the first District viz For the choice of President Vice President

Hon ^{ble} Francis Dana Esq of Cambridge	by 17 votes
Hon ^{ble} Eliazer Brooks Esq of Leicester	17
Hon ^{ble} Thomas Sawyer Esq of Boston	17
Hon ^{ble} Azor Cove Esq of Marblehead	17
Doi Charles Feroir of Boston	17

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholder and other votable
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled & duly qualified
as the Law directs, on Monday the fourteenth day of January 1793

then gave in their votes for one Representative that is an inhabitant in
the first District viz Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex to Represent the
said District, in the Congress of the United States of America —

viz For the Hon^{ble} William Heath of Roxbury by twenty votes 17
For Hon^{ble} Joseph B Varnam of Braintree by nine votes — 9

At a legal town Meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford on
the first day of April A.D 1793. For the purpose of giving in their
votes for one representative for the first district; viz Suffolk Essex &
Middlesex; to represent said district in the Congress of the United States of
America —

Votes were then given in for the following persons viz

For Benjamin Austin Esq of Boston by	22 votes
For the Hon ^{ble} Samuel Holden Esq of Danvers by	2 votes

101) At a General Town Meeting Legally assembled on the fourth day of March A.D. 1799 The Freeholders and other votable Inhabitants then present passed the following Vot^{rs} viz
1. Article to chuse a county Treasurer; and the the Town shop
Benezet Bridge by 24 Vot^{rs} } David Reed granted for the present year
2. As^{ts}. in the urgent war to chuse Town officers and such committees as the
the town thinks proper for the Ensigning year —

John Webster Town clerk and ^{John Timothy Jones chosen Moderator of P. Meeting}
William Meriam Town Treasurer } John Webster collector of taxes
was sworn to that office before
James Thompson Justice March 28/99
and is to have 20 Dollars for his service

Selectmen } John Webster
of justice } William Meriam sworn
Thompson Bacon } Constable William Page sworn
Gould Maddens Dean sworn
Sweet Lake Lane.

Surveyors } Nathaniel Hitch
of High } Nathaniel Wymon
ways } Maddens Davis
William Goodrich
Oliver Wood jun^r all sworn
James Gleason
William Webster } John Burke sworn
John Moore
James Jones sworn
Stephen Bartwell
Jethro Josiah Hill
Matthew Pollard sworn

Shinners } James Jones sworn
between } Nathaniel Oag sworn
Scalers of Leather David Reed sworn
Scalers of wain Maquis John Webster sworn

Surveyors of Lumber } Oliver Pollard sworn

Hog reaver } William Goodrich sworn William Webster sworn

Townsmen } John Page sworn & Samuel Meriam

3. As^{ts}. that the shire shall be under the same regulation that they were
the last year viz to have the shire shut up from the fifteenth day
of August this present year to the last day of ~~August~~ October
and the remainder of the year the shire are to go at large under the
regulation of the Law

4. As^{ts}. know how much money the the town will grant to repair the high
ways & bridges this present year Voted Liberty Pound. for that purpose 20

5. As^{ts}. know in what manner the town will repair the high ways & bridges
this present year Voted to repair them as usual

6. As^{ts}. know whether the town will continue the Bounty on cows head
this present year Voted the same bounty thereon the last year

7. As^{ts}. know whether it be the mind of the town that the bell should be rung
and with present solicitation, or to do any respecting the bell or bell ringing they think
best. The town voted to continue this article to the next April Meeting, at said
Meeting this article was read upon, and voted that the bell men lower the
bell and if they think best to have the bell rung as usual other wise to have
the bell sold at Auction

Carried forward

8. A^d To see if the town will grant a sum of money to complete and pay the charges arisen in building the four new school houses or to do any thing respecting it they think best —
The town then voted sixty eight pounds for that purpose £68:0:0

9. A^d To see if the town will appropriate the woman side seats in the side gallery in the meeting house, for the use of the singers, and set them be made convenient for them to sit in with out damaging them, or any cost or charge to the town during the towns pleasure —
~~The suggestion voted in the affirmative that the~~
in exchange for the seats in the front gallery that are now appropriated for the singers; the town then voted in the affirmative that the woman seats be altered and appropriated to the use of the singers to sit them in during their pleasure —

and goodail put to board with William Goodritch & J^r per week until may meeting —

At a Legal Town Meeting of the freeholders and other votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified as the constitution directs held on the first day of April A.D. 1793 For the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut Governor of said commonwealth, and Senators & counsellors for said district —

Votes for the following persons here given viz
For Governor his Excellency John Hancock Esq^r of Boston by 26 votes
For Lieut Governor his Honor Samuel Adams Esq^r of Boston by 23 votes
Senators and counsellors viz

North Eleazer Brooks Esq ^r of Lincoln by	24 votes
Joseph Hosmer Esq ^r of Concord by	24
Joseph B Varnam Esq ^r of Sea cut by	24
Obenezzer Bridge Esq ^r of Chelmsford by	24
Sam Mearns Esq ^r of Billerica —	12
Samuel Thompson Esq ^r of Woburn by	12

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the 16 day of May 1793
1. A^d To see if the town will elect & depu^te a good and Lawfull person to law for and represent them at the general court this present year —
After maturely considering the above article the town voted in the Negative not to send a representative this present year —

2. A^d To see whether the town will have any woman school to teach the children this present year or to do any thing respecting a school the town thinks best —
After considering the second article the first vote was to have two months woman school in each of the quarter school houses; and then it was motioned and seconded to see if the town would have two months of woman school in the Middle school house near the meeting house; and then the town voted in the Negative Not to have any women school in the middle of the town

103) Ath Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other votable inhabitants
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on Monday
the twenty fourth day of this inst June A^d 1793

Le^{tt} Timothy Jones moderator of P^rmeeting

1st Ath was to see if the Town will chuse a committee to file a memorial
in writing in the clerk's office of the Court of common pleas to
be holden at concord in and for the county of Middlesex on the
Second Tuesday of Septem^r A^d 1793; against Jerimie Johnson &
Abigail Johnson single woman, now at the cost and charge
of P^r Bedford for their support; Daughters of Timothy Johnson
late resident of P^r Bedford yeoman Dece^{pt}; or to do any
thing respecting, the said Jerimie & Abigail Johnson
The Town thinks best,

After mature consideration upon the above said article the
Town voted that a memorial should be filed in the clerk's
office against the above said, Jerimie & Abigail Johnson
and then voted to raise a committee of five men to forward a
memorial and to attend to that matter; Committee for that
Service, viz William Meriam; John Webber, ~~Le^{tt}~~ Timothy Jones
James Wright & Thompson Bacon

At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on Monday 16th of Septem^r A^d 1793

1st Ath To know how much money the Town will grant to defray the ordinar^y
charges of the present year; the Town vol^luntarily found £60.00.00

2nd Ath To know how much money the Town will grant for the support of Schools this
present year; The Town vol^led fifty pound for that purpose £50.00.00

3rd Ath To know in what method the Town will proceed in relating the Schools
this present year; The Town voted that the Schools should be kept in the
same manner they were kept the last year

4th Ath To know whether the Town would have the church refer their
grievances in respect to the Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennaman, to a council
provided Mr. Pennaman doth not agree to have the relation, in
which he stand^s to the church and Town dissolved

After the Town had maturely considered the above said fourth
~~article~~ article; they vol^led that the church
refer their grievances to a council in case the Rev. Mr. Joseph
Pennaman doth not agree to have the relation in which he
stand^s to the church and Town dissolved by a ~~unanimous~~ vote
in the affirmative

5th Ath Committee to provide School masters & mist^{rs} andწყრწყ for the
Schools viz David Reed Joseph Hartwell David Lane &
Stephen Hartwell & John Webber jun

And Goodail put to Board with M^r Abbot from the date of the
above meeting untill next March Meeting a^d after week
M^r Goodail vol^led to leave the Board to M^r Abbot 22 October 1793

- A general town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
Whithersoever of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the
twentieth fifth Day of November A.D. 1793 The following
Vote was passed viz. Cpt. Christopher Page Moderator
1. At. To See if the Town will concur with the church in the Deposition
of the Rev. Joseph Pennaman from his Pastoral office Deposed
on the first day of November 1793; Voted in the affirmative
by a unanimous vote
2. At. To See if the Town will exempt from taxation Mr. Joseph
Pennamans Estate which he now occupies for five years
provided he continues to live in R. town and occupy the same
along under his own improvement; Voted in the affirmative
3. At. To know if the Town will make any additional grant of
Money to Defray the charges thereof; by reason of the alteration
of the circumstances of the Town since the last grant.
The Town then voted to raise twenty pounds to Defray the Extraordi-
nary charged £ 700 000
4. At. To know in what manner the Town will provide preaching
for the future; The Town then voted to raise a committee of four
men to supply preaching by hiring & then chose a committee for
that service viz. John Moor; John Had Christopher Page
Timothy Jones David Page
5. At. To know whether the Town will take any method to prevent
the cutting off the wood on the road lately laid out by
the select committee from Concord River to Bedford meeting
house; after the Town had maturely considered this article they
then voted to raise a committee of three men, and then chose
a committee for that service viz. Timothy Jones; John Moor &
William Page
6. At. To See if the Town will give the assessors any direction when they
shall take the invoice to tax the Town paper by; the Town then
Voted that the assessors of R. town to take the invoice of what
each person possessed on the first day of September last 1793
7. At. To See if the Town will concur with the church in the appointment
of a Fast on the fifth day of December 1793
The Town then unanimously Voted in the affirmative

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At a General Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other votable
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on
the 29 Day of January 1794 the following Voter were paid
viz D.^r James Wright chosen Moderator

The article in the warrant was to know in what method
the town will proceed in to open and make a Road from
Concord river to Bedford Meeting house as laid out by a com-
mittee from the court of Sessions, & to do any thing respec-
ting said road they think best. —

after the town had considered & debated upon the article
inserted in the warrant for said Meeting they voted
as followeth viz

First to raise a committee of five men for the purpose
of viewing the several proprietors Land that Lyes within
the bound of a road lately laid out by a committee from
the court of General Sessions of the Peace from Concord
River to Bedford Meeting house; and to see what causing
is necessary to be made, and also to inquire what it may
be let out for & to inquire and see if they could find any person
or persons that would undertake to clear and make the road
and to report at the adjournment; Committee for the
afore said service viz Est Christst Spagest John Sprake
Col^l Timothy Jones & John Reed Esq^r —
and then the Meeting was ^{con}adjourned to the 5th day of
February ^{next} 1794 — at two o'clock Mon^d day

The town met according to the adjournment on the 5th day
of February 1794

and the committee reported that they had viewed the several
proprietors Land and made some attestation in their judgments
respecting what was allowed them for damages in taking
their Land for the aforesaid road viz added to Mr. Job Lane & others
and Mr. Oliver Pollard five pounds at the debating upon the subject
and then the town voted to continue the said Meeting by an
adjournment to next March Meeting at 5 o'clock Mon^d day

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 At a general Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Votable inhabitants
 of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the third day of March 1792
 the following Vots were passed Viz. -
 1. Art. to Chuse an County Treasurer; the town Chose Ebenezer Bridge Esq. by 30 to 1.
 Ensign Benja. Bacon Chosen Grand Juror and William Meriam Moderator
 2. Art. to Chuse Town officers for the ensuing year; William Meriam town Clerk; the
 Selectmen { William Meriam } Moses Fitch town Treasurer, and sworn
 { Thompson Bacon } David Bacon Collector for the whole town
 { Solomon Lane } and is sworn - and is to have £4. 6. 1. 6. if he
 Collect the taxes and pay them in within a
 year from the commitment -
 Constables { Moses Abbot and } sworn.
 { Joseph Hartwell }
 Surveyors { Edward Stearns. }
 of High { David Bacon }
 ways { Joseph Heartwell } sworn
 { Benja. Bacon. }
 { Thaddeus Dean }
 { William Page }
 { Dea. James Wright }
 Field Drivers David Bacon {
 Jonathan Lane } sworn
 Fish wardens { Moses Abbot }
 { William Page } sworn
 { Nathaniel Page }
 { David Fitch }
 Fighting men { Capt. William Goodrich } sworn { Hence { Moses Abbot jr }
 { John Page } { Newers { Lieut. John Sprake } sworn -
 Dealer of Leather Capt. David Reed. { Dealer of wt. and Measures John Webb } sworn -
 Surveyor of Lumber Oliver Ballard. { Dea. Samuel Heartwell }
 { James Willson } sworn -
 Hogsheads Benja. Bacon jr. and Bradley Bowers and ~ ~ ~
 3. Art. to Whether the wine shall go at large under the regulation of the Law
 this present year the town Voted that the wine shall be shut up from the
 fifteenth day of August next, to the last day of October following. -
 the rest of the year they may be at large under the regulation of the law -
 4. Art. to know how much money the town will grant to repair the high ways
 and Bridges this present year Voted Seventy pounds for that purpose
 5. Art. to know in what mannar the Town will repair the high Ways and Bridges
 this present year; Voted to repair them as usual ~ ~ ~
 6. Art. to know if the town will grant any sum of money for the purpose of
 clearing and making a road from Concord river to Bedford meeting house
 as it is laid out by a Committee from the Court of general Sessions of the peace
 or to do any thing respecting it. Voted the town think best; the town Voted
 to continue this article untill ^{that} May Meeting ~ ~ ~
 7. Art. to know if the town will continue the bounty on crows heads this present
 year, Voted to continue it as last year ~ ~ ~
 8. Art. To know whether the town Will proceed to build a new school house in
 the middle of the town Near the meeting house, a queable to a Vote of 4:
 town passed at a legal town meeting held at Bedford aforesd. on the 26 day
 of March 1792 - Voted to continue this article untill next may meeting
 9. Art. To know in what mannar the town will further provide Preaching
 Voted to Chouse a Committee to hire preaching. Committee Capt. John Moore
 Esq. John Reed Capt. Christopher Page Dr. James Wright and Moses Fitch -
 10. Art. to know whether it be the mind of the town to Chuse an agent or agents
 for the purpose of defending the town, and to carry on a suit in the Law al-
 lredy commenced against the town of Woburn respecting Gemima and Migail
 Johnsons - the town Voted that the old Committee be still a Committee for
 the purpose, either for to settle the matter of dispute with Woburn or for to
 carry it to final issue in Law - ^{with} ^{crossed} ^{out} ^{to} ^{be} ^{settled} ^{by} ^{the} ^{town} ^{of} ^{Woburn} ^{or} ^{for} ^{to} ^{carry} ^{it} ^{to} ^{final} ^{issue} ⁱⁿ ^{Law}

At a Legal town meeting of the Freeholders and ^{other} Notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the seventh day of April A.D. 1794 for the purpose of giving their votes for governor, Lieutenant governor, for this Common Wealth, and also for Senator and counsellors for this district - Votes for the following persons were given in Viz. For his Hon.^{able} Samuel Adams ^{Esq of Boston} for Governor, by 41 votes for Lieut. governor Nathaniel Gorham Esq of Chelmsford by 37 votes

For Senators and Counsellors

Hon ^{able} Eleazer Brooks Esq of Lincoln	by 28
Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Chelmsford	by 28
Joseph B. Varnum Esq of Duxbury	by 28
Ephraim Wood Esq of Concord	by 33
Elbridge Gerry Esq of Cambridge	by 8
Samuel Thompson Esq of Woburn	by 8
Isaac Stearns Esq of Billerica	by 7
Lodini Baldwin Esq of Woburn	by 1

W.^m Thompson Bacon Chosen Moderator

2^d Art to know the mind of the town whether they would have the bell rang this present year under its situation, or to do anything with the bell and bell house that the town thinks best - the town Chose a Committee of three Viz W.^m Oliver Pallard W.^m Joseph Coners and W.^m Thompson Bacon to inspect the bell and bell house and make report at next may meeting and continued the article to that time -

At a Legal town meeting of the freeholders and other Notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the fifteenth day of May 1794 - to know if the town will Elect and depute a good and Lawfull person to serve for and represent them at the great and general Court this present year - Voted in the Negative - Col. Timothy Jones Chosen Moderator

2^d Art to know if the town will grant any sum of money to Enable the Committee to provide further for the supply of the pulpit - the town granted the sum of Eighty pounds for that purpose -

The ^{continued} article respecting the road to Concord river, the town Voted to continue it to Next September meeting, and instructed the Selectmen to make inquirie and ^{at} what lay they can have the road made and to report to the town at Sept. Meeting -

The continued article respecting the Building a new School house in the middle of the town - the town Voted to continue it to Next Sept. Meeting

The continued art. respecting the bell and bell house the town Voted to have the cage of the bell repaired and the bell rang this year as usual -

The wid. Goodell put to Lieut. John Sprake untill Sept. meeting at 3/7 per week

At a general town meeting of the freeholders and other
votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled
on the 26 day of August A.D. 1794 the following votes passed
viz the article to know what method the town will take to
procure the Soldiers that this town is now called upon for
to do any thing respecting the raising the men the town
thinks best - The Town Voted to give to each Soldier that
shall voluntarily enlist the sum of eighteen shillings each -
as a bounty and to make them up eight Dollars per man
including the state pay; in case they are called upon
to march; and for the time they are in actual service
the Soldiers that enlisted were: Moses Abbot jr. John Reed jr. David
Davis jr. John Meriam jr. Job Webber James Webber, Joseph Webber
William J. Lawrence and William Kemp -

At a general Town meeting of the free holders and other votable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the first
day of September A.D. 1794 - Col. Timothy Jones Chosen Moderator
S. 1. to know how much money the town will grant to defray the
ordinary Charges of the town this present year. Voted Eighty pounds
S. 2. to see how much money the town will grant for the support of
Schools this present year - Voted Sixty five pounds for that purpose
S. 3. to know in what method the town will proceed in relating the
Schools this present year - the town Voted to have the schools
Equally divided into five parts; that ~~each~~^{there} have six weeks writing
School in each of the school houses, in the winter season; and two
months reading School in the summer season, in each of the
school houses - The town then Chose a Committee of five to pro-
vide for and inspect the schools viz. Dr. James Wright, Timothy
Jones Esq. W. Solomon Lane, David Fitch, Dr. D. Thaddeus Davis
S. 4. to know if it be the minds of the town to petition the Court of
general Sessions of the peace that a County road may be laid out
from Billerica line through Bedford nearly as the way is now
trodden by Capt. Chris. Papes and Capt. John Webbers untill it comes to
Barzabeel Lawrances house in Lexington - the town Voted to continue
this article untill next town meeting -
S. 5. to know if the town will take any method to complete the stone
wall round the burying ground Voted to continue this article to
next town meeting -
S. 6. to know if the town will sell the Benches in the meeting house
that remain unsold or to do any thing with them the town thinks
best - Voted to continue this article untill next town meeting and
appointed the Selectmen as a Committee to see how the two old pews
in the front of the gallery can be purchased and to make report
to the town at the next town meeting -
S. 7. to know what method the town will take to supply the Pulpit
in future - the town Chose a Committee of five to hire preaching
viz Capt. David Reed Col. Timothy Jones Capt. John Webber
William Meriam, W. Moses Fitch -
S. 8. to see if the town will Chose a Committee to take an accurate
Plan of the town of Bedford agreeable to a resolve of the
great and general Court of this Common Wealth - the town Chose
a Committee of three for that purpose Capt. John Webber
William Meriam Thompson Bacon -

The Continued article respecting the building a School house in the middle of the town, as imported in the Warrant for last main meeting ~~is~~ continued untill next march meeting.

The Continued article respect the Carlisle road, the town Voted to continue this meeting by an adjournment on this article to the third instant at five o'clock in the afternoon to meet at the house of Jeremiah Dutcher. — Wm. Goodell quit to Capt Moore at 3/4 per week untill the first of November next.

Sept. 3rd the town meet and took into consideration the continued article respecting the new road to Carlisle, as it stood in the Warrant at March Meeting Last. — the article, to know if the town will grant any sum of money for the purpose of clearing and making a road from Arnold River to Bedford meeting house, as it is laid out by a town line from the court of General Sessions of the peace or to do anything respecting said road the town thinks best the town choose a Committee of Eight men viz Joseph Conners, Thaddeus Dean, Capt Timothy Jones, Capt Christopher Page, Solomon Lane Thompson Bacon, Capt William Goodrich and William Meriam to Divide the Town into Eight wards or places as near as may be, for the purpose of building and completing the road, and that the Committee superintend the work and set the price of Labour per day untill the whole be completed and that the ~~the~~ cost be settled on the inhabitants of the Town a Greable to the present State bill, and also that the above said Committee be Directed to sell such part of the wood standing on said road as shall not be found necessary to be used in building the same — and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated to the use and for the purpose of paying the individuals for the damages sustained by reason of the roads being laid through their Land — and also that the Assessors of the town be Directed to assess on the inhabitants of this Town such further sum as shall be found necessary to settle with the several individual ~~retainer~~ for damages — Levi Conant Chofer by the selectmen as nacher

retainer, as Recd. and is sworn to the truth by the Town Clerk.

At a General Town meeting of the freeholders and other Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on Monday the third day of November A.D. 1794

Art^s to give in their votes for a Federal Representative for this District the town made choice of —

Dr Samuel Holden of Dover by 22 No. Votes
and of Lemuel Baulden Esq. of Hobart by 8 —
Timothy Jones Esq. Chofer Woodmont —

Art² to see if the town will give their Assessors any direction respecting an Invoice to make the town Rates by Voted that the assessors take an Invoice as proposed, the first day of September last to make the Town rates by —

Art³ for the Town to bring in their votes for some suitable person for County Register of Deeds the Town made choice of

M. Samuel Bawlett of Concord by 12 Votes
and of Dr Abiel Haywood of Concord by 5 Votes

The continued Article respecting the burying ground the Town Voted to continue untill next March Meeting —
The other continued article not acted upon —

Wm. Goodell quit to Mr. Jonathan Lorne at 5/10 per week untill next March Meeting —

N.B. the Town bounds were all Perambulated in this year
A.D. 1794

At a general town meeting of the freeholders and other
votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled
on the second day of March A.D. 1795 the following votes passed
viz. Dr. Shadrach Davis chosen grand jurymen
Timothy Jones Esq. chosen Moderator
1. To choose a county Treasurer, the town made choice of
Benjamin Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 30 Votes
2. To choose a Register of deeds for this county the town
made choice of Mr. Samuel Bartlett, of Concord, by 58 Votes
3. To choose town officers for the ensuing year
William Meriam Town Clerk (sworn) Moses Fitch Treasurer (sworn)
Selectmen { William Meriam } Elijah Mearns Collector for
{ Thompson Bacon } sworn { the whole town, and is to have
{ Solomon Lane } { 18 dollars and a half for his services
Constables { Moses Abbot }
{ William Webber } sworn
Sittingmen { Capt. Wm. Goodrich }
{ John Page }
{ Stephen Lane }
{ Shadrach Dean } sworn
{ Jonathan Lane }
{ Joseph Heathwell } sworn
{ Jonas Gleason }
{ Edward Mearns } sworn
{ Stephen Heathwell }
{ Asa Fasset }
{ Jonas Gleason }
{ Capt. Chris. Page }
{ Bradley Bowers }
{ Oliver Pollard }
{ Samuel Lane }
{ Capt. Moses Abbot }
{ William Page }
{ Oliver Fitch }
{ Capt. John Moore }
Doers of laws James Willson and David Fitch
Sealers of Leathers Capt. David Mead sworn
Sealers of weights and measures John Webber Jr. sworn
4. To know whether the swine shall go at large under the
regulation of the law this present year Voted as last year
What is to be shut up from the fifteenth day of August to the last
day of October, the other parts of the year to be under regulation
5. To know how much money the town will grant to repair the high
ways and Bridges this present year Voted 70 pounds for that purpose
6. To know in what method the town will proceed in repairing
the highways and Bridges this present year Voted as last year
7. To know in what manner the town will further provide preach
ing, Voted to choose a Committee of three to hire candidates, Committee
Thomas Page, Dr. James Wright, and Asa Fasset
8. To see if the town will grant any sum of money to provide fuel
for the supply of the pulpit Voted £ 100.0.0. for that purpose
9. To see if the town will attend to a complaint of Mr. Stephen
Mead who complaineth and saith that he is deprived of his
usual road to Bedford meeting house, the town Voted to choose
a Committee of three men to look into the matter and to make report
at the town at September meeting, the Committee, John Heath Esq.
Capt. John Webber and Dr. Shadrach Davis, is adjourned to that time
10. To know if the town will upon the request of Messrs. Samuel
Lane, Oliver Pollard and Stephen Lane pay each of
them the sums of money granted them as damages sustained
by the cartilage road being laid through their Lands over
and above the wood that stood on the same, the town granted
them their request
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the building a school house in the middle is continued to Sept. next
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At a Legal town meeting of the freeholders and other qualified inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified as by the Constitution is provided to Vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, & Senators & they brought in their Votes for the following persons Namely
 For Governor Samuel Adams Esq. of Boston by 36 Votes
 for Lieut. Governor Moses Gill Esq. of Wrentham by 36 Votes
 Eleazer Brooks Esq. of Lincoln by 21 Votes
 Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 17
 Joseph B. Vernon Esq. of Duxbury 21
 Benj. Brown Esq. of Lexington 12
 Isaac Stearns Esq. of Billerica by 5
 Daniel Whitney Esq. of Newburn by 3
 Timothy Biglow Esq. of Boston by 3
 Levi Baldwin of Woburn by 2

2^d Art. To see if the Town will attend to a Request of Mr. Silas Bacon and Samson Spaulding, which is that the Town would give each of them the same bounty that they gave to the other soldiers that enlisted for the town in August last, Voted to leave it with the selectmen to settle with them; as they shall think best

At a Legal town meeting of the freeholders and other qualified inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified as by the Constitution is provided; on the 6 day of May A.D. 1795 ~ the following Votes passed viz
 1st art. for the town to give in their sentiment for or against the necessity; or expediency of revising the constitution in order to amendments; Voted against by 25 votes and not one vote for it ~
 2^d art. To see if the town will elect and Depute a good and Lawfull person to represent them at the Great and general Court this present year Voted not to send ~
 3^d art. For the town to give in their votes for some suitable person to be Register of Deeds for this County ~ the town brought in; for Mr. Samuel Bartlett of Concord 24 votes and for Mr. Ebenezer Shedman of Cambridge - 8 -
 4th To know if it be the mind of the town to take any method to procure a Bell, and if so, to see if the town will make any provision to hang the same, by building a new belfry or any other method the town think, best Voted to choose a Committee of 3 men, to Enquire and see what the expence will be to have the old bell cast over a new - and also, for them to see what sum they can get Subscribed in town towards the expence, and for them to make report to the town at next September meeting: the Committee Mr. Thomas Page William Page, and Capt. Christopher Page -

carried to the next page.

11.
5th act To see if the town will upon the Request of M^r Samuel Lane grant him any sum of money, for damages he has sustained by the Carlisle road, going through his Neck field. Voted to give him the same sum per rod that they gave him for ~~the~~ his other land, that said road goes through — The continued article respecting fencing the burying ground is continued to next September meeting — The widow Goodell put to board with Capt. David Thayer next Sept^r meeting at 5/4 per week —

All a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the fourteenth Day of Sept. A. D. 1795 the following Vots passed —
W^ho? — — — — Capt. Christopher Page Moderator
act 1 To know how much money the town will grant to defray town charges the ensuing year, Voted 80 pounds
act 2 To know in what Method the town will proceed relating the School this year; Voted in the same Method as ^{year} last
act 3 To know how much money the town will grant for the Support of Schools this year; Voted 70 pounds —
act 4 To see if the Town will Except off the List of Jurors to serve on the petit Jury, as made out by the Selectmen and if so to choose a Committee to select out one Quarant part of the persons named there in to be put in the Grand Jury Box, Voted to Except it; and that the Selectmen be a Committee to Deposit them ^{in the Court} the Law direct —
5th act To know in what method the Town will further provide preaching, Voted to choose a Committee of three men to hire candidates; Committee Capt. Page, W^ho? Solomon Lane and Samuel Lane;
6th act To know if it be the mind of the town that the ap^{pre} should take an Invoide to make the town rates by — this act not acted upon by the town
7th act To know if the town will give the Selectmen any instructions respecting sweeping guide posts as the Law Direct — this act not acted on by the town —
The continued article respecting M^r Stephen Needles complaint of his being deprived of his usual road to Bedford meeting house, the Town Voted to leave it with the Selectmen, to look further into the matter; and Lay out a way one rod and an half wide to M^r Stephen Needles Land; where they think will best convey the parties —
The continued A. T. respecting the building a School house in the middle of the town is continued to next March meeting
The continued Article respecting the fencing the burying ground, the town Choose a committee of three men viz Timothy Jones Esq^r, En^l Benj^r Bacon, and Edward Stearns, to complete the fence — — — —

The widow Goodell put to M^r Thompson, Bacon at 6/3 per week — next March meeting —

November 2^d 1795

We the Subscribers, a Greavel to a Vote of the Town.
on the fourteenth Day of September last, Proceeded and
Laid out a way one rod and an half wide to accomodate
Mr Stephen Meeds to get to Bedford meeting house, Said
way is laid out partly on land of Mr. Joseph Converse &
partly on land of Mr. Joseph Heartwell & William Heartwell
Beginning at a Pitch pine tree ~~marked~~ standing at the
Northeast corner of said Meeds's land and at y^e Northwest
corner of s^t. Converse's; and on the side line of said Heartwell,
from thence running East 17 rods to a Stake and Stones
in said Heartwell's land, thence running still East 27 rods
to a Stake and Stones where it meeteth and joyneth with the
Highway leading from Bedford Meeting house to Lincoln
all the above mentioned bounds are on the North side of
said way — That part of the way that is laid on land
of Mr. Joseph Converse is by him given to the town —

William Meriam }
Thompson Bacon } Selectmen
Solomon Lane }

March 6th 1799 Capt David Mead shewed to the
Selectmen a deed signed by Mr. Benja^r. Hartshorn of
the one half of a pew in Bedford meeting house s^t. pew is
on the floor of s^t. meeting house and is in the woman's body
seats in front of Dea James Wright's Pew — the easterly half
of said pew — the Selectmen consent to the transferment

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A meeting of the Freeholders and other legal
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assem-
bled on the 26 day December A.D. 1795 and continued
by adjournment to the eighteenth day of January
1796. - the following voted passed -

Timothy Jone Esq. Chooper Moderator
- The whole to know whether the Town will concur
with the Church in the choice of M^r. Samuel Stearns
to the work of the Gospel ministry in this town, and
if they will, then to know what the town will
grant him as a Settlement, and how much as a year
ministerial Salary, for his encouragement and support
and also to choose a Committee to wait on M^r. Stearns
with the proceedings of this meeting -

1 The Town Voted to concur with the Church in the
choice of M^r. Samuel Stearns to the work of the Gospel
ministry in this town. -

2 Voted to give the said M^r. Stearns if he shall accept
of his call to the work of the Gospel ministry, the sum
of Eight Hundred and fifty Dollars as a Settlement
the one half thereof to be paid in one year, and the
other half in two years, after he shall be ordained

3 Voted to give M^r. Stearns the sum of Three Hundred
and thirty three Dollars, and thirty three Cents and
three mills $\frac{3}{4}$, to be stated on the following articles
Viz. Indian corn at 66 Cents, 6 Mills per bushel and
at 83 Cents, 3 Mills per bushel, and Beef at 4 Dollars
and 16 Cents 6 Mills $\frac{3}{4}$ per hundred wt, and Pork at 5
Cents, 5 Mills per lb. one quarter thereof in each of the
above said articles, and that the appraisement of the
said articles shall be annually in the month of Decem-
ber at their then going price - and Eighteen cords of
wood annually, as a ministerial Salary so long as he
shall remain our minister -

4 Voted to give M^r. Stearns his choice either to accept
of the above Encouragement, or to accept of the sum of
Three Hundred and thirty three Dollars and thirty three
Cents and three mills $\frac{3}{4}$ - and Twenty Cords of Locust
wood, to be annually delivered to him at his
dwelling house, so long as he shall continue to be
our minister -

5 Voted that Messrs James Wright, Wm. Merriam, Timothy
Jone Esq., Capt. John Welber, and John Reed Esq.
be a Committee to wait on M^r. Stearns with the
Proceedings of this meeting -

- 3 art. To know whether the Swine shall go at large under the regulation of the Law this present year Voted as last year. That so it be shut up from the 15 day of August to the last day of October the rest of the year to go at large under the regulation of the Law
- 4 art. To know how much money the town will grant to repair the Highways and Bridges this present year Voted 333 Dollars 33 cents and 3 mills, one third for that purpose — — —
- 5 art. To know in what method the town will proceed in repairing the highways and bridges this present year Voted to allow a man 60 Cents 6 Mills — for a week of work 50 Cents for a cart 25 cents per day, to the last day of Sept next, and but half that sum per day the remainder of the year —
- 6 art. To know if the town will grant any sum of money to provide for the supply of the Pulpit, Voted to continue this art. by adjournment to the next town meeting.
- 7 art. To see if the town will allow of a Road as laid out by the Selectmen on land of Mr. Joseph Finner and Mrs. Joseph & William. Hearswell land until it comes to land of Mr. Stephen Reed. Voted to allow of a Road as a bridle road as in page 114 —
- 8 art. To see if the town will allow of a Road as laid out by the Selectmen through land of Mr. Oliver Reed and by his dwelling house and nearly as it is now made until it joins the road leading from Westons meeting house to Bolton and if so to choose a Committee to appraise the damage, if any there be. The town Voted to choose a Committee of five men to examine and

11/ The Expediency of a way being laid out there or near
there, and to make report to the town at next may
meeting, the Committee, Capt. John Webber Capt. John Moore
Dr. James Wright, Col. Timothy Jones and Benj. Bacon
and to know how much money the town will grant to
repair the road from Dr. Amariah Posters house to
the end of the bar so called or to do any thing respecting
said road the town think best. Voted 200 Dollars for
that purpose and that the former Committee be continued
a committee to lay the money out and to conduct the work
and that the wages be the same as here to fore and read
10 art. To know if the town will upon the request of a number
of the inhabitants, take any method to prevent Meat Cattle
from going at Large on the common the ensuing year
the town Voted that Meat Cattle shall be kept from going
at large on the common from the tenth day of May next
to the last day of October following and that select men
be directed to take such further measures as shall be found
necessary to carry this vote into effect —
The continued article respecting the building a school house
in the middle of the town is continued to next March next
The Wd. Goodell put to Votes Abbotts at 5 1/2 per week to
until next may meeting —

The Overseers of the Town of Bedford
To the Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants of the
Town of Bedford.
Gentlemen. —

Whereas you were pleased, after inviting me
to settle with you as a Gospel Minister, to leave it to
my choice either to accept of the Sum of three hundred &
thirtythree Dollars, thirtythree cents, three Mills & one third,
Shaded as follows, viz. one quarter part on Indian Corn
at Sixty six Cents Six Mills & two thirds per Bushel — One
quarter on Rye at Eighty three Cents, three Mills and one third
third per Bushel — One one quarter part on Beef at four dollars
and seventeen Cents, per Cwt. — and the other quarter on
Bark at five Cents & five Mills per pound, and Eighteen Cents
of Firewood as a yearly Salary; — or the Sum of three hundred
and thirtythree Dollars & thirtythree Cents, three Mills & one third
and twenty Cents of wood. — I confess my self inclined to accept
the former proposal for the following reasons. VIZ, 1st It has
ever been, & will probably still continue to be the case that
our circulating medium is greatly unsettled as to its value &
exceedingly fluctuating. Various circumstances occur from time
to time directly calculated to produce this effect, particularly
that of introducing paper money, and making it a tender in
all things instead of silver & gold; — 2^{ly} I am inclined to prefer the
Stipulation because it appears to me both just and reasonable
that a Minister Salary should in some degree be secured a gain
such Distraction of time and currency as a bare hint at —

This I conceive may be done without oppressing, in the least any class of People thus stipulated whatever, for it takes no more pounds of Beef - no more bushels of Corn to pay the hundred pounds at one time than at another - If the Salary is nominally high at any time these artists are high also - so that it takes no more of them ~~at one~~ to pay it when it rises above the hundred pounds than when it falls below - indeed the Minister whose Salary is thus stipulated does but rise & fall with the People which I confess appears to me both just and reasonable - These Gentlemen, are in brief, Some of the reasons which incline me to prefer the statement according to the vote of the Town - But not with standing, as I have reason to believe there are some in the Town who are opposed to the statement, through fear that it will annually be attended with difficulty, or for some other reason, - for the sake of peace, and in order to preserve that spirit of harmony, which both hither to marked all the proceedings of the People - I feel my self disposed to accept the last proposal of three hundred and thirty three Dollars & thirty three cents, three Nills, & one third and twenty Cents of firewood - Theeting assured, that the Town will never willingly see me suffer by reason of the depreciation of the currency hereafter -

I am Gentlemen yours &c,

Samuel Stearns

Bedford. March 15th 1796 {The Mayor Mr Stearns made a speech
at the Town Meeting in a good manner
with his friends and a distinction

At a meeting of the freeholders and other votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on the twenty first day of March A.D. 1796 the following votes passed -

Viz. Timothy Jones Esq. & Joseph Mott

To see if the town will attend to the answer of Mr. Samuel Stearns to the work of the Gospel Ministry in this town, & to see if the town will appoint the time for the ordination - and whether the town will concur with the Church in the choice of the council, and what provision the town will make for the same. -

- 1 The town voted to accept the answer of Mr. Stearns as above & order that the same be put on the town records -
- 2 The Town appointed that the ordination of Mr. Stearns be on Wednesday the 27 day of April next ^{on the corner of the meeting house} and that they ^{and the church} concur with the Church in the choice of the Council -

- 4 made choice of a Committee of three men to join the church in waiting on the council, the same Capt. Chas. Page Thomas Page and Solomon Lane -

- 5 made choice of a committee of five men to prop up the Galleries in the meeting house previous to the 27 day of April next; and that they attend on said day, and take care of the meeting house, and keep the books & seats and the two end pews, together with one pew on each side of the pulpit, for the church and council; and the five front pews in the galleries for the singers; and that the house be opened at ten o'clock in the morning -

Witness the hands of William Webber, Joseph Abbott, John Page, Capt. William Woodworth and John Webber, Jr.

119 At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other
Notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified
as by the Constitution is provided, to make choice of a
Governor - a Lieut. Governor, for this commonwealth
and also for four Senators, for this District for the year
 ensuing, the votes were brought in accordingly for the
 following persons: ^{April 29 1796}
for Governor, Samuel Adams Esq. of Boston by 50 votes
for Governor, Moses Gill Esq. of Princeton by 50 votes
for } Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 35
 } Daniel Whitney Esq. of Sherburne by 35
Senators } Eleazer Brooks Esq. of Lincoln by 35
 } Samuel Thompson Esq. of Woburn by 35

- W. Thompson Baron chosen Moderator.
- 2^d art. To know if the town will take down the bell &
bell house or to do any thing respecting them the town
thinks best, the town voted to take down the bell.
- 2^d voted to sell the bell house at public vendue to the
highest bidder, this day and that the purchaser shall
move the same off the common before the 1st instant.
- 3^d art. To know if the town will take any method to level
the ground on the South side of the meeting house
the town voted to attend to it and level it Great Monday
and that John Reed Esq. Superintend the work.
- 4th art. To see if the town will upon the request of a number
of the inhabitants lay out a road from Mr. Thad. Deans
barn to Mr. Jonas Gleason, Eaton house so called or to do
any thing respecting it the town thinks best.
- the town voted to leave it with the Selectmen to lay out
a road there or near there; if they shall think best.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other notable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled
on the 12th day of May A.D. 1796

Art. 1. To see if the town will elect and depute a good
and lawfull person to serve for and represent them
at the great and general Court this present year

Voted in the Negative

- W. Thompson Baron chosen moderator
- 2^d art. To see if the town will allow of a road as laid
out by the Selectmen from Mr. Thaddeus Deans barn
to Mr. Jonas Gleason, Eaton house so called, or to
do any thing the town thinks best - voted that
the Selectmen be directed to view the proposed road
again if they think best to alter; then to stake out
a new one and to report to the town at next Sept. meeting
which line the road shall run.

that the ~~D~~ records of the old road be then brought forth
the continued article respecting
ing roads going through land of Mr. Oliver Reed
the town voted to continue it to next Sept meeting
and that the committee report at that time.
The widow Goodell put to board with Mr. William
Maxwell untill next Sept. meeting at 79 cents per week
Mr. Phineas Chamberlin accepted as tax collector for two

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Votable inhabitants
of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the first day of
August A.D. 1796 -
Article To give in their votes for a Representative to
Congress for this third middle District. the inhabita-
nts did not see cause to vote for any person, being disap-
pined with the districting of the town, for the purpose

At a meeting of the freeholders and other qualified
voters of the town of Bedford on the 13th day
of Sept. A.D. 1796 -
To give in their votes for a Representative to
Congress for this third middle District. the votes being
brought in counted and sorted it appeared that there
were for Lemmon Baldwin Esq. of Fitchburg 16 votes
for James Bancroft Esq. of Reading 3 votes
for Samuel Sewell Esq. of Marblehead by 2 votes -

Mr. William Webber chosen Moderator
2 or 1 To know how much money the town will grant
to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing
year voted two thousand Dollars -

3 To know how much money the town will grant for
the support of school the ensuing year, voted 300 Dollars

4 art. To know in what method the town will proceed in
relating the school, voted that the school be kept
in the same manner ^{as last year} except that the East and North
School be kept at one and the same time, the town
then chose a committee of five men to provide for the
school, and inspect them viz. W. Jeremiah Fitch, Oliver
Pollard, Thaddeus Dean, + John Sprague, Wm. Merriam

5 art. to know at what time the supervisor shall assess the
Salary and Settlement voted by the town, to the Rev.
Mr. Samuel Stearns, voted ^{that he} in the month of December next

6 art. to know what method the town will take to pro-
cure the fire wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns this year
the town made choice of a committee of three men to
procure the wood, viz. Mr. Thomas Bar, Cap. Chas. Page
and William Page for the Rev. Mr. Stearns, they then
granted the sum of sixty six Dollars 66 Cents and
to enable the committee to procure the wood

The continued article respecting roads going through
Mr. Oliver Reed's land continued to next town mee long
and that the committee be desired to appear at that time

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The continued Article respecting a road from
Mr. Thad. Deans, Barn to Mr. J. J. Gleason's Eaton
house, the town voted to two men to the committee
viz. J. J. James Knight and Capt. Wm Goodrich and that
they again view the proposed road, and see what the
cost will be, and report to the town at the next town
meeting.

The widow Goodell put to board with Mr. Merriam
untill next town meeting at 91 Cents 3 mills per week.

A meeting of the Freeholders and other Qualified
voters of the town of Bedford legally assembled on
the Seventh day of November A.D. 1796 for the
purpose of giving in their votes for an Elector to
Choose a president and vice president for the
United States and the vote being brought in it
appeared that they made choice of the

Wm. Samuel Hotten Esq. Danvers by 34 votes

W. Thompson Baron Chosen Moderator.

The continued Article respecting a road going through
land of Mr. Oliver Reed and by his dwelling house
as laid out by the Selectmen in February last, the
Committee reported to the town that in their opinion
on it was not necessary, the town by vote ~~accepted~~^{accepted} the
report of the Committee, not to allow it a road.
The continued Article respecting a road being
opened from Mr. Thad. Deans, Barn to Mr. J. J. Gleason's
Eaton house, the Committee reported
that in their opinion it was not expedient for the
town to make any alteration of the road there at this
time, The town ~~also~~ accepted the report of the
Committee.

The wid Goodell put to board with Mr. Oliver Reed
untill next March meeting at 10 Dollars 41 Cents 6 mills
per week.

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8th at! To see if the Town will take any method to prevent
Larceny, or theft, being committed within the limits of
of the Town the ensuing year the town chose a Committee
of three men, to consider what is left for the town to do
on this article, and for them to report to the town at
next April meeting, and that the article be continued
to that time, Comtee Capt John Webber, Co. Timo, Jones and
Capt Moses Abbot.
9th at! To see if the town will allow M^r. Samuel Heartwell
to work out his Highway tax between his house and
M^{rs}. Joseph & William Heartwell land the ensuing year
Voted in the affirmative ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
M^r. Ens Benjamin Bacon is chosen Grand Juror
the widow Goodell is put to board with M^r. Moses Abbot
untill next May meeting at 90 cent per week. ~

A legal meeting of the freeholders and other
eligible inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the
third day of April A.D. 1794 ~ for the purpose of
giving in their votes for a Governor & Lieut.
Governor; and also for four Legislators for this District
the following persons were voted for ~ viz.
The Hon^{ble}. James Sullivan Esq^r, of Boston 641 votes for
Governor & Increase Sumner Esq^r, of Haverhill 600
for Governor Joseph Gill Esq^r, of Princeton 310
Senators { Eleazer Brooks Esq^r, of Lincoln 31
Benjamin Biddle Esq^r, of Chelsea 31
Payson Herrington Esq^r, of Andover 30
William Hull Esq^r, of Newbury 29
James Bancroft Esq^r, of Reading 13
Lincolnton Jones Esq^r, of New Bedford
The Committee article respecting the opening the road
from the roads to the house and as the order goes by
John Sprake to M^r. Asa Hapset, the town voted in the
~ Negative

The continued article To see if the town will take
any method to prevent Larceny or theft being committed
within the limits of the town the ensuing year the
town made choice of three men, namely Capt David
Hill, En Edward Peabody, and Braclay Bowen
well and ready, to pursue any thief, when ever applyed
to by any of the inhabitants, who have had any thing
of consequence stolen from them, and the above
Committee shall lay their accounts before the
Selectmen for allowance and payment, for their
troubles ~

At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other voteable
Inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the eighteenth day
of May A.D. 1797 - To see if the town would elect
and Depute a good and Lawfull person to serve for
and Represent them; at the Great and General Court
this present year - voted in the negative -
The widow Goodell put to Mr. Moses Abbott junr; untill
next Sept. meeting at one Dollar, 21 Cents per week -

- At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other voteable
Inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the Eleventh day
of Sept. A.D. 1797 - Colo. Timothy Jones chosen Moderator
the town voted to continue the meeting till adjournment
to the eighteenth instant at two o'clock P.M. - Monday
the eighteenth the town met, and proceeded to the first
article namely To know how much money the town will
grant to defray the ordinary charges of the town the
ensuing year; voted three hundred and twenty Dollars
2 article To know how much money the town will grant
for the support of Schools the ensuing year the
town voted three hundred Dollars -
3 To know in what method ~~the~~ the town would
proceed in rebuilding the School, voted as last year
and chose a Committee of five men, to provide a
Master and Misses, and other necessaries for the School
and to inspect them, viz, Dr. Amariah Weston, Jno.
Lane, Capt. Page, Colo. Jones, and William Heathwell
4 To know what method the town will take to procure
the fire wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns this year
the town chose a Committee of three men to procure the
wood, viz. Mr. Moses Gilester, Edward Stearns, and Jonas
Gleason, D. Committee are to appoint a day and give
notice thereof that every person may have an opportu-
nity that would wish to procure any; and to procure good
wood at the lowest prices -
5 To see if the town will chose a Committee to procure
materials for the repairing of several large bridges
in town the ensuing year, the town chose a Committee
of five men to procure material there for, viz, Capt.
Page, Jonas Gleason, David Reed, Joseph Conners,
Thompson Baron -

The wid. Goodell put to board with Mr. Moses Abbott junr
untill next march meeting at one Dollar & 31 Cents ^{per week}
Abigail Johnson put to board with Dean untill next
march meeting at one Dollar & 11 Cents per week
The wid. Thayer put to James C. Jones untill next march
meeting at one Dollar per week -

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford the fifth day of March 1798
legally assembled, the following votes passed, viz
To wit: That James Esq. be chosen moderator
and To wit: To choose a County Treasurer, Ebenezer Bridge
Esq. Chosen by 37 votes, no other person voted for
and To choose Town officers for the ensuing year; and such
committees as the town think proper.

Town Clerk William Merriam, sworn
Selectmen { William Merriam } sworn
 { Thompson Bacon } sworn
 { William Webber } sworn
and is to give bonds to the town to complete his collections
within one year from the date of his list, and is sworn
Constable { John Stearns } sworn

Surveyors { Thompson Bacon } sworn
 { Oliver Reed jr. } sworn
 { Joseph Webber } sworn
Highway { Capt. Wm Goodbridge } sworn
 { William Merriam } sworn
 { Moses Abbott jr. } sworn
 { Elijah Stearns } sworn

Deacons { Matthew Pollard } sworn
 { Samuel Stearns } sworn
Sealers of Leather { David Ford } sworn
 { John Webber } sworn

Surveyors of Lumber { Oliver Pollard } sworn
 { Moses Abbott jr. } sworn
 { John Sprake } sworn
 { James Lane jr. } sworn
all sworn.

3rd To know whether the Swine shall go at large under
the regulation of the Law this present year, this not acted
upon.

4th To know how much money the town will grant to
repair the Highways and Bridges this year
voted four hundred and six shillings and seven pence there for
Capt. To know in what method the town will proceed in
repairing the Highways and Bridges this year voted
the same method as last year, as to wages.

6th To know whether the town will give a bounty
for Crows heads killed within the limits of the town the
ensuing year voted 33 cents for an old crows head and
sixteen for a young ones head, through the year, and that
the town had better receive them & pay the bounty.

7th To see if the town will upon the desire of Wm. Samuel
Stearns open a road through Land of Wm. Joseph &
William Stearns, from the end of the road near the
Blood house (so called to D. Samuel Stearns land) or
to do any thing respecting it the town think best
the town choose a Committee of three men, viz. Gals
Timothy Jones, William Merriam and Capt. Chas. Page
to view the expediency of opening a road there and to
enquire how the town can have a road there and to
report to the town at next April meeting, to which
this article is continued.

8th To see if the town will take any method to prevent
Larceny or theft, being committed within the limits of
the town the ensuing year. The town choose a Committee

of three men viz Capt. David Speed, & Edward Mearns and
Bradley Bowers. To Committee are to be on the same
footing as last year -
To see if the town will choose a Committee to
settle the boundary line between the town land
and land now under the improvement of En. John Lane
The town choose a Committee of five men to attend to
that matter, and to report to the town at next
town meeting, viz, William Merriam Capt. C. Hope
Thompson Baron Col. Jones and Capt. John Wilber
and that the article be continued to the D. time
The widow Goodell put to board with M. Mosey Abbott
untill next may meeting at 99 cents per week.
The widow Fajet put to board with M. James C. Jones
untill next may meeting at 111 cents per week

At a meeting of the freeholders and other qualified voters
of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the second day
of April A.D. 1798 the following vote passed, viz, -
arts for the town to give in their vote for a governor
and a Lieut governor for this Commonwealth and also
for four Senators for this District, the vote being brought
in counted and sorted it appeared they were for the
following gentlemen, namely -
for governor { Amos Sumner Esq of Boston by 31 votes
James Sullivan Esq of Boston by 3 votes
for Lieut governor { Moses Gill Esq of Princeton by 23 votes
for Senators { Shaker Brooks Esq of Lincoln by 21
Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Chelmsford 21
for third district { Aaron Hill Esq of Colmbridge 21
Daniel Whitney Esq of Sherburne 26
Parker Verorum Esq of Truro 3

Amos Jones Esq of the moderator of the meeting
2 votes. The town will take any method to shorten
the road from Mr. Jones's pleasure mill to the gate
East of Mr. Thacker's dwelling house, as far as
and thing respecting it the town think best
The town choose a committee of three men, viz, En.
Benjamin Bacon, En. James Wright & En. Amos
Benton, they are to see if they cant agree the matter
with the neighbors, and to report back to the
town at next may meeting -
3 votes To see if the town will appropriate any part of
the Common near the meeting house for the use of horse
stables. The town choose a committee of five men to
look out some land for that purpose and to report to
the town at next may meeting. Committee Esq. Keen
Capt. Goodridge, Dea Davis, Mr. Jones & En. Jones
The continued article respecting settling the
line between the town land and land of En. John Lane
is continued to next town meeting. Samuel Goodell
is continued to next town meeting

At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other
notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford on the first
day of May, A.D. 1798 the following
votes passed viz 1 to choose a good and lawful
person to serve for and represent them at the great
and general Court this present year, viz in the Negative
2^d art. to see if the town will instruct their assessor
to omit taxing the Poll, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~estate~~ ^{estate} of such persons as
they shall judge not proper to admit as Inhab-
itants of the town ~ voted in the Affirmative
3^d art. To see if the town will appropriate the four
pence in the pound Galling to the use of the poor
the town voted in the affirmative ~
The continued art. respecting the Road, from
Thomas Gleasons mills ~~to~~ to W. Thads Deans Gate
East of Deans house, the town ^{voted} is aupt of the
report of the committee viz; report. that the road
begin near an ash tree in W. Gleasons land and run-
ing on a curve line to a stake and stone at the South
part of W. Thads Deans Bourn yard, and thence to the
Gate East of his dwelling house; the conditions are as
follows. W. Gleasons gives the land to the town
and fences the same in his own cost, the wid. Bacon
gives her land and fences the road on conditions
that she can have the old road, and the westerly half
of the wall on the north side of the old road; M. Thads
Deans is to have forty £ dollars for the road going
through his land, and moving his barn and filling
his well and building his walls and completing
the same; all the above bounds are on their
side of said road and said road is two rods wide
and that M. Thads Deans gives up all right and
title to the westerly half of his wall on the North side
of said old road to the widow Bacon and her heirs for
ever; ~ the continued article respecting the line between
the town land and land of Sgt John Lane is continued
to next Sept. meeting; ~ The continued art. respecting
the road to M. Amos Hartswell house lot is continued
to next Sept. meeting ~ The wid. Goodall put to
cents per week ~ The wid. Thapst put to James L. Jones
until next Sept. meeting at 29 cents per week
Allis, Mary put to M. Thompson Bacon until next
March meeting at two cents per week ~

At a meeting of the freeholders & other taxable inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the third day of Sept. 1848 the following rules were passed - viz. Mr. Thompson, Isaac Chapman, Joseph

1st To know how much money the town will require to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year & voted the sum of three hundred & 30 dollars & 25 cents to know how much money the town will require for the support of schools the ensuing year & voted the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars

and that John David, Isaac G. Smith, the Rev. Mr. W. C. Jones, William Russell and Samuel Marshall be a committee to provide for the school & to report to them as the Law directs

3rd To know in what method the town will proceed in selecting the school the ensuing year, the town voted to proceed as last year as to the fighting school; and that the woman school be kept as the committee shall order -

4th To know in what method the town will procure the fire wood for the year the town voted that the town selectmen or a committee of three men viz. Col. Henry Jones, Mr. Jonas Gleason and Solomon Lane, or a committee, are to procure good wood and at the lowest price by appointing a day and giving notice to the town inhabitants and settling it up at a value to the town

5th To see if the town will give the selectmen any instructions or resolutions supporting the poor law voted to leave it with the selectmen to do as they think best -

6th Continued. Article respecting the line between the town land and land of Mrs. John Lane; is continued to next town meeting and that the committee are directed to report to the town their doings at that time to the town

7th Continued. Article respecting the annual tax on the receipt of a road through the land of the town of Bedford and William Marshall to his own land is continued to next town meeting and that the committee are requested to affect a settlement between the parties, and to report facts to the town at the next town meeting - The selectmen agreed with Mr. Joseph Webster to support the widow Goodall to next March meeting at \$10 per week The selectmen agreed with Mr. Thaddeus Dunn to support Abigail Johnson to next March meeting at \$7 per week -

8th The selectmen agreed with Mr. Lemuel Parker to support George Groves to next meeting at \$10 per week -

109 September the Eleventh N^o 1798 The Selectmen
circumculated the line between Lexington and
Bedford, and agreed on, and renewed the T. Bound
on the part of Lexington Joseph Atwood & Nathan Chandler
& on the part of Bedford William Merriam & William Webster

At a meeting of the freeholders and other votable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assem-
bled on the fifth day of November A D 1798 -
rules for the town to give in their votes for a represen-
tative to the Next Congress for Third District - the votes
being given in counted and sorted &c as the Law
directs, it appeared they were for the following persons
viz for Samuel Sewell Esq of Marblehead - 10 votes
for Samuel Hollen Esq of Danvers - 18 votes
for Saml Bailestin Esq of Woburn - 3 votes -
for John Bullen Moderator

2^d To see if the town will upon the advice of the officers of the militia Company in this town, take any method to alleviate the burdens of D. Company, & the town vote that the selectmen be directed to shew out to the officers out of the town stock - as much S. Broder & Ball and as many flints, as the law requires for each soldier of D. company; on their inspection days, and also that the selectmen be directed to furnish each soldier company ten days with sixteen cartridges out of said town stock

3^d To know if the town will take any method to new set the wall against Luke Lanes Orchard or to do any thing respecting it the town thinks well - voted that the selectmen be directed to call upon the several owners that was to have completed said wall and see that their lifts are worked out, and if there shall not be a sufficiency to set it wall the selectmen are to set it on the towns cost

Some on the Towns side
 want to see if the town will accept of the road built by the
 effect of ~~Carville~~ Carville from the end of the bridge
 called to the middle of the River, not doing things
 which it the town think best, not using more

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- At request of arsons through land of Mr. J. G. and William Horwell, ~~land~~, to his wife lot, the committee can be sent free of cost to the D. J. & William they giving the land, the turn, but not recent of the pastoral, but take commission of three men, viz. John, Arthur, George, and John, each pay \$10.00. To lay on the road and to make the damages, and to try to know where they shall be paid, and to make report to the town at the next year meeting.

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Sept. A D 1798 agreeable to a Vote of the town
on the third day of this Instant the Select men and a select
- or exempted the following persons from public Taxes, viz
Jonathan Ball and his estate, and also Nehemiah Penniman
Dor Shilton; Joseph Trapp; Simon Hadley and
Aaron Simons; they not being admitted as Inhabi-
- tants of the town of Bedford - - -

The Selectmen of the town of Bedford in order to
conform to a law of this commonwealth, did erect
guide posts in the town at the following angles
of the Roads, viz one at the Northeast Corner of Epp
Reed, wood lot - also one at the corner of Capt. Pagers
orchard and North of Capt. Hebbles dwelling house
also one at the angle of the road near Jeremiah
Fitchs dwelling house - also one at the angle of
the road near Doctor Amariah Preston dwell-
house - - - - -

The Cost of the Ball purchased by the Select
men for the town in the year 1798 D 37.. 67.. 00

At a meeting of the freeholders & other notable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally as-
sembled on the third day of December 1838 -
the following vote passed viz -
That to see if the town will upon the request of a
number of the inhabitants of the town proceed to
build the school house in the middle of the town
agreeable to a former vote of the town, or to do
any thing respecting it the town thinks best -
The town voted to continue the article to next
Sept. meeting -
The committee article Respecting Mr. Samuel Hearshill
request of a road through land of Mr. Joseph and
William Hearshill to his house lot - The committee
reported that the Mr. Joseph and William would
give their land for a road two rods wide, and
that in their opinion the town should accept of
make fifteen rods of the wall on the town side of
the road out of the committee, & voted that the
road shall be opened in ~~two~~ two years from this
date: 3 The town voted to choose a committee of
three men to see that the wall is built on the
south side of said road, which is all that is
required of the town, the committee Col. Jones, John
Moore and Mr. Solomon Lane & committee
are to disprove of the building of the wall this
day by vendue to the lowest bidder according
- by ~~the~~ proceeded in open town meeting to sell the same
and the first six rods ^{were} bid off by Capt. Chas. Page
at two Dollar per rod - The second six rods to be
John. Newnam at two Dollar per rod -
The third six rods by Luke Lane at one Dollar
and 88 Cents per rod - The remainder of the wall
by Capt. John Moore at one Dollar & 83 cents per rod

At a meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the forth day of March A.D. 1799 - the following vote passed viz - Mr Thompson Bacon chosen moderator.

Art. To choose a County Treasurer, made choice of Ebenezer Bridge off of Chelmsford by 22 votes -

2d. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year -

Town Clerk William Herniam sworn Town Treasurer Joseph Fitch sworn

Select Men { William Herniam }
 { Thompson Bacon } sworn
 { William Webber }

Enthralled { Capt. William Goodridge }
 { Jonathan Lane } sworn

Surveyors of Highways { James Wright }
 { Bradley Bowers } sworn
 { John Corwell }
 { John Webber, jr }
 { Dio Thad. Davis } sworn
 { Nathl. Brown }
 { Elijah Stearns }

Viewers { Joseph Fitch }
 { James Lane } sworn
 { Joseph Abbott, jr }
 { James Lane } sworn

Highway Drivers { Thos. Abbott, jr }
 { James Lane } sworn

Assessors { Deazari Davis, jr }
 { James Mulhinton } sworn

Sealers of Leather Capt. David Reed sworn - Sealer of weights & measure John Webber, jr. sworn - Surveyor of Timber Oliver Pollard sworn - High wardens James Willson, James Lane, William Page, & Deazari Davis.

Art. To know how much money the town will grant to repair the Highways the ensuing year, and in what manner they will proceed in, voted the sum of four hundred and sixty seven Dollars, and that the wages be the same as last year -

Art. To see if the town will upon the Desire of the Rev. Mr. Samuel Stearns, Pay him his Salary, Semianually the one half thereof at the end of each six months, the town granted him his desire, & voted that the Rev. Mr. Stearns Salary shall be appoyed for the future annually in June.

Art. To see if the town will choose a Committee to answer on, an Indictment against this town made before our Justices of our Supream Judicial Court, and next to be holden at Concord in our said County, on the second Tuesday of April next, or to do any thing respecting it the town think, best - the town made choice of a Committee of three men, viz. Timothy Jones, Sgt. William Herniam and Capt John Webber to attend to the matter, and make an affidavit before the Court, and if they shall think best, to publish the next Court of general Sessions of the peace for a Committee from them, to view the road complained off as to do any thing respecting a Indictment that they shall think best, for the town -

Article 6. To see if the Town will take any method to procure a Bell; or to do any thing respecting it. The Town thinks best, voted to continue this untill its next Sept. meeting -

7th art. To see if the Town will continue the County on Cross heads the ensuing year, voted in the affirmative -

William Merriam Chosen Grand Juror -

The Selectmen agreed with W^m James Willson to support the wid. Goodell untill next may meeting at 5/9 per week

Alice Negro put William Merriam untill next month meeting he to give 2/11 per week for her work -

The Negro Elzer put Simon Parker at 2/4 per week untill next may meeting -

At a meeting of the free holders & other taxable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on the first day of April A.D. 1799 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor & 4 Governors for the Commonwealth; and also for four Senators for this district; the vote being brought in; it appeared they were for the following persons for Governor Simeon Sumner Esq of Roxbury by 28 votes -

William Heath Esq of Roxbury by 27 votes -

John Hope Gills Esq of Princeton - by 24 votes -

Dea. Asa Weeks Esq of Lincoln by 38 -

Senators { Sherburne, Bridge Esq of Sherburne by 35 -

8 { Daniel Whitney Esq of Sherburne by 34 -

Samuel { Timothy Bigelow Esq of Groton - by 36 -

William Winthrop Esq of Cambridge by 8 -

Jonathan Hayward Esq of Frammingham 3 -

Henry Wood Esq of Pepperell - by 9 -

William Melmoth Esq of Lowell by 7 -

Timothy Jones Esq Chosen Moderator -

Art 8. To see if the Town will grant any further sum of money to repair the Highways in this Town the ensuing year. The Town Chose a Committee of four men viz. Simon Lane, John Webber, Dea Thad. Davis and Asa Jones; & Committee are to see if they can persuade the inhabitants of the Town to turn out and repair the road from Bedford meeting to Lexington line at the way for by William Webber's house -

Simon Johnson put to board with W^m Thompson until next Sept. meeting at 4/9 per week

The Committee appointed by the town of Bedford to make
some addition to the grave yard, and to straiten the Highway
against the same, having agreed with me the Subscriber
that the Highway might be straitened upon my land, upon
conditions the town would make a Stone wall upon the west
side of the said road or Highway; and give at the lay of
Twenty Dollars per acre; for the Eighty six rods of land on
the east side of D wall; to add to the burying place -
The Committee in order to lay the grave yard in a more
regular form; agreed with John Reed junr for to come onto
his land as far as the Stone wall now stands, for which he
took as much land in exchange; the Committee likewise
agreed with John Reed Esqr for him to take the remainder
of the land they had of me, besides what is included in the
burying ground and Highway, and what John Reed junr had
in exchange; at the price they was to give; in proportion
to the quantity, it being Eighteen rods and 96 links, that
John Reed Esqr is to have; at the South end of D land -
These are therefore to Certify, that the town have built
the Stone wall as proposed and that I have received Eleven
Dollars in full for the above said 86 rods of land - And
I the said Thomas Page for my self and heirs do warrant
and engage; to defend the D town of Bedford in the im-
provement of the same against the lawfull claims of all
persons - In witness of the above I hereunto set
my hand and Seal this 6 day of April A.D. 1799

John Webber
David Reed

Thomas Page

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the town of
Bedford to make some addition to the grave yard and straiten
the highway against the same; having agreed with the said Thomas
Page that the Highway might be straitened upon his land
upon conditions, the town would make a Stone wall on the west
side of D Highway; and give at the lay of twenty Dollars per
acre; for the 86 rods of land on the East side of D Highway
wall; to add to the burying; the Committee in order to lay
the grave yard in a more regular form; agreed with Mr
John Reed junr to come on to his land as far as the wall now
stands, for which he took as much land in exchange; the
Committee likewise agreed with John Reed Esqr to take the
remainder of the land they had of Mr Page; besides what was
included in the burying ground, and Highway; and what
John Reed junr had in exchange, at the same price they
was to give in proportion to the quantity of land it being
Eighteen rods & 96 links - These are therefore to Certify
that we have received the sum of three Dollars
in behalf of the town; of John Reed Esqr which sum is in
full for the D land - in witness hereof we hereunto set our
names this 6 day of April A.D. 1799 -

Thompson Bacon
William Webber

John Webber
David Reed
William Merriam

Committee

135 At a meeting of the freeholders and other votable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled on
the 6 day of May A.D. 1799. - Timothy Jones Esq. moderator
articles to see if the town will elect and depute a good &
lawfull person to serve for represent them at the great &
general Court this present year, voted in the Negative.
2 art To see if the town will upon the request of a number of
the Inhabitants of said town take any method to convey
the singers in the meeting house by selling, Pews ground
or any other method the town think best - the town voted
to chooe a committee of five men, to hire Pews to convey
the singers for this season, and to draw a plan to convey
them in future, and to lay it before the town at next Sept.
meeting, the Committee Lt. Flagge Bacon Dr. Shapton
David Lane, Dec. James Wright and Thompson Bacon
and that this article be continued to next Sept meeting -
3 art To see if the town will give Ensign John Lane any
thing more then what the committee agreed to give
W. Thomas Page for the land they had of him to enlarge
the burying ground by giving him land that belongs
to the town, or any other way the town shall be pleased
the town voted to continue this article to next Sept. meeting
The widow Goodell put to board with Nathl. Wyman
untill next Sept meeting at 7/8 per week - -

N.B The bounch of the town, between
Bedford & Concord - & Bedford & Lincoln
- & Bedford and Burlington were all peram-
- bulated renewed and agreed on by the Selectmen
of each town in the month of June A.D. 1799 -

At a meeting of the freeholders and other votable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled
on the second day of Sept. A.D. 1799 -
Dec. James Wright Chas. M. Mott
1 art To know how much money the town will Grant
to defray the ordinary charges of the town the
ensuing year, voted Three Hundred Dollars -
2 art To know how much money the town will Grant
for the support of Schools the ensuing year -
voted Two Hundred & fifty Dollars -
3 art To know in what method the town will proceed
relating to the Schools the ensuing year - voted as last
year, and chose a committee to provide for the
Schools, and inspect them as the law directs, viz.
Committee James Wright, Jr. Moses Hatch, Jonas Gleason
Oliver Reed, Jr. Thompson Bacon -
4 art To know what method the town will take to
procure the fire wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns
the ensuing year, voted to proceed in the same method as

- and Chose a Committee of three men to provide the wood, viz. Timothy Jones Esq; Josiah Hill, and Jonas Gileson —
- 5th art To know if the town will accept of the list of Quirors as made out by the Select men and if so to choose a Committee to select out one Quarter part thereof to be put in the Grand Jury box — — voted to accept it, and that the Select men be a Committee to deposit the names as the law direct —
- 6th art To know if the town will make any addition to their ~~to their~~ Stock of Powder — voted that the Select men be directed to purchase one quarter of an Hundred wt of powder and to the town Stock —
- 7th art To know if the town will take any method to ~~thick~~ the road from Bedford meeting house to Lexington line as the way goes by Mr Joseph Flowers dwelling house or to do any thing respecting it the town think best —
- The town Chose a Committee of three men, viz. Capt John Webber, Capt Timothy Jones, and Mr Moses Smith, to examine the expediency of ~~thickening~~ the road, and to report to the town at next town meeting. ~~the article continued to that time~~
- The continued art respecting building a School house in the middle of the town — and also the continued article respecting procuring a Bell for the town —
- The town Chose a Committee of seven men to take into their consideration said articles, and to report to the town at next town meeting, what they judge best for the town to do —
- 8th art Timothy Jones, William Merriam Dea, James Knight Elijah Stearns, John Page, and Capt Flagg Bacon and Mr Thompson Bacon — the art are continued to next town meeting —
- The continued article respecting convening the fingers in the meeting house is continued until next town meeting —
- The continued art respecting giving Ens John Lane any thing more for the Land they had of Mr Thomas Page; to enlarge the burying ground than what the Committee a free to give — The town voted to leave it with Mr Joseph Flowers, Capt Chris Page and Mr Solomon Lane, to settle with D. Lane, if they can in a case —
- The widow Bassett put to Board with James E. Jones untill next march meeting at 6/8 per week —
- Sept 16 the wid Goodell put to Board with Thaddeus Smith untill next march meeting at 6/8 per week —

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other valuable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on
the sixth day of February A.D. 1800 - Col. Jones of Hooper's militia
Article To see if the town will upon the desire of a number
of the inhabitants of the town take any method to testify
their affectionate regard to the memory of General
George Washington on the twenty second day of February
next, and if so, to make the necessary provision, and
arrangement there for. - The town voted to continue
this meeting by adjournment to the tenth day of February
instant - February the tenth the town met and voted
1 To attend to this day mentioned on account of the death
of General Washington -
2 voted that the Rev. Samuel Stearns be desired to
open the solemnity by prayer and to deliver a disci-
ple on the occasion -
3 voted to wave a piece of Braid on the left arm
4 the town made choice of a committee of five men
to make arrangements and to attend there to on the
day Comd. Col. Timothy Jones, William Nevins, Capt
John Webber, Capt. David Reed, and James Wright
there was then subscribed by individuals the sum of
twenty six pounds and forty cents, to dress the desk with which
is to be given the Rev. Mr. Stearns for his services on the day
The several continued articles are still continued to
next march meeting -

At a meeting of the freeholders & other votable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford, legally assem-
bled on the third day of March A.D. 1800 the
following votes passed. Viz. Col. Timothy Jones, moderator
Sat. 1. To Choose a County Treasurer for the year ensuing
made choice of Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 24
2d. To Choose town officers for the ensuing year
Town Clerk William Merriam Sworn, Town Treasr. Moses Fitch Sworn
Select men { William Merriam }
and { Thompson & Bacon; Sworn }
before William Webber } Collector of taxes John Webster Sworn
and is to have 23 shillings for serving
for the whole town, and is to give
bonds to the town with two sureties
for his paying in the same, within one
year, from the commitment of his office.

3d. Moses Abbot; }
David Fitch; Sworn }
4th. John Page }
Luke Lane }
Jonas Gleason }
Capt. Christ: Page }
John Merriam }
Josiah Hill }
Elijah Stearns }
5th. John Ho; Sworn }
Samuel Merriam }
6th. wardens, Capt. David Keed; Elijah Stearns }
and Oliver Keed; Sworn }
7th. To know how much money the town will grant to repair
the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year, and in what
method the town will proceed in to do the same; voted the sum
of four hundred and sixty seven Dollars for the above purposes
and that the method, and wages be the same as last year.
8th. To know what method the town will take to repair
the Bridge, called the Carlisle bridge; the town granted
the sum of, sixty seven Dollars, to repair D. Bridge; and
Choose a committee to do it; viz. Jonas Gleason, David Lane
Elijah Stearns; Capt. Flaggs Bacon; and Col. Timothy Jones.
9th. To see if the town will take any method to straighten
the Road from William Webber dwelling house in this
town; to Mr. Jonathan Lawrence in Lexington. The town
chose a committee of five men to view the expe-
dient of straightening the road from the bridges on the
new Highway, to called, to said Jonathan Lawrence in
Lexington, and to report to the town at next April meet-
ing; Committee Mr. Solomon Lane, Col. Timothy Jones, Joseph
Convers, Dea. Thaddeus Davis; Mr. Thompson Bacon; and
that the select men be directed to have the article more
fully inserted in their warrant for next April meeting
The continued article, respecting straightening the road
from Bedford meeting house to Lexington line is the road
goes by Mr. Joseph Convers is continued to next April meeting
and the committee then to report to the town.

39 The continued article respecting building a School house in the middle of the town; the Committee reported it as their opinion best for the town, to build a school house in the middle of the town this year; of brick 32 feet by 26 six feet wide; The continued article respecting procuring a bell the Committee reported as their opinion; that it would best for the town to procure a Bell at present - the town did not accept the report of the Committee - but continued the article to next May meeting - The continued article respecting giving Dr. John Lane more for the land the town had of Mr. Thomas Page to enlarge the burying ground, then what the Committee agreed with him for the Committee reported as their opinion that the town give him the sum of Forty Dollars and that the town give him the strip of land he hath fenced in between his house and the fence between him and the Rev. Mr. Stearns line - and also that Dr. Lane had promised them; he would give the town for the land he had of the town; in proportion to what they gave Lane - The town accepted the report of the Committee - A. B. the wall as it now stands is to be considered as the bounds between John Lanes land; and the road - west of his Dwelling house -

The wid. Goodell put to board with Thos. Smith at 6 per week untill next May meeting - The wid. Ketchum put to board with James C. Jones at 9 per week untill next May meeting - March 25, 1800 Abigail Johnson put to Thomas Stearn untill next Sept meeting at 4 per week -

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the seventh day of April A. D. 1800 the following vote passed - viz
Art. to give in their votes for a Governor and a Lieut Governor for this Commonwealth and also for four Senators for this district for the year ending the vote being brought in counted and it stood as follows - and they were for the following persons viz
for Governor { Elbridge Gerry Esq. of Cambridge by 40 votes
 { Caleb Strong Esq. of Northampton by 17
 { Moses Gill Esq. of Princeton by 1
for Lieut. Gov. { Moses Gill Esq. of Princeton by 52
 { Elbridge Gerry Esq. of Cambridge by 1
for Senate { Ebenezer Beecher Esq. of Lincoln by 28
 { Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by 27
 { Timothy Bigelow Esq. of Groton by 36
 { Aaron Hill Esq. of Cambridge by 13
 { William Willoughby Esq. of Groton by 13
 { John E. Bartlett Esq. of Chelmsford by 13
 { John E. Bartlett Esq. of Chelmsford by 13

2 article. To see if the Town will take any method to
straighten the road from the Bridge over Shawheen
river, on the new Highway, so called to William Webber
dwelling house — This article together with the con-
tinued ^{article} respecting straightening the road from Mr. Wm.
Webber; in Bedford; to Mr. Jonathan Laurence, in
Lexington; the Committee reported that it is
necessary that the road should be straightened, ~~that~~
& that it be laid through the corner of 8/10 the
wood lot near where ^{the town accepted the report} it was laid heretofore, and
that the said Committee, viz., Mr. Solomon Lane,
Col. Jones, Mr. Joseph Converse, Dea. Davis and Mr.
Thompson, Be a Committee to settle with
Esqr. Reed, for the road, going through his land,
and also that they apply to the town of Lexington
to straighten the road from the top of the quarry hill
to Jonathan Laurence, in said Lexington —

3 To see if the Town will upon the desire of Mr. David
Page allow him to work out his Highway sale between
his house and the gate at the road the ensuing year
I voted in the affirmative —
4 art. To see if the Town will give a bounty for Crows
heads; killed within the limits of the Town this year
voted the same bounty as last year —
viz 2/6 for an old Crows head & 1/6 for a young one —

The Continued Article respecting straightening the
the road from Bedford meeting to Lexington line
as the road goes by Mr. Joseph Converse's house —
the Committee reported it as their opinion that
the old Road is the best as it is now trod until
it comes to the East side of buck meadow Coffeyway
and then to cut a croft lane of Mr. Oliver Reed to
a maple tree in the line between D. Reed and the
town road, then running on land of William Norriss
where it is now trod to the top of the Hill where it
meet the old road; and from thence to continue to
Lexington line; as the way was laid out, and is trod
the town did not accept, the report of the Committee
but threw the article out with^{out} acting upon it —

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other volable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally
assembled on the fifth day of May A.D. 1800
the following votes passed —

Art. 1. To see if the town will elect and depute
a good and Lawfull person to serve for and
represent them at the great and General Court
the ensuing year, voted in the Negative —

2 art. To see if the town will ^{at your moderation} Petition the General
Court for the abatement of the fine laid on the
town, the last year; for their not sending a
Representative, or to do any thing respecting it
the town think best; the town voted to petition
the General Court for an abatement of the fine
by a Committee of three men, viz. John Reed,
Capt John Webber and Col. Timothy Jones —

3 art. To see if the town will accept of the Compway
from the end of the bar, so called; to the Bridge
over Concord river; or to do any thing respecting
it the town think best; the town made choice of
a committee of five men, viz. Capt John Moore
Col. Timothy Jones, Dea. James Wright & Samuel
Lane and Dr. Amariah Weston; to Petition the
General Court for a decree respecting said Compway
or to do any thing respecting it that they
in their wisdom shall think best for the town.
The Continued art. respecting taking any method
to procure a bell; the town did not see cause to act
upon it —

The Continued art. respecting building a school
house in the middle of the town; is Continued to
next Sept. meeting —

The wid. Trust put to bed wth Dr. James C. Jones
untill next Sept. meeting at 60 per week —

The wid. Gordon put to bed wth Dr. Smith at 60
per week untill next Sept. meeting —

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified as by the constitution is provided to vote for representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth Legally assembled on the twenty-fifth day of August A.D. 1800 - the following vote passed - viz
A^{ts} To give in their votes for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America, the following persons were voted for - viz
W. Nathan Head of Danvers - by 34 votes
Capt Jacob Brown of Salem - by 2

M^r Thompson, Baron chosen moderator
2nd A^{ts} To know how much money the town will grant to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year - voted the sum of three Hundred Dollars for that purpose -

3rd A^{ts} To know how much money the town will grant for the support of schools the ensuing year - voted three Hundred Dollars for that purpose -

4th A^{ts} To know in what method the town will proceed in relating the schools the ensuing year - voted that the women's schools be kept as last year, saving that it shall begin by the tenth day of May and shall be kept between that time and the last day of September following as the Committee that shall be appointed for that to provide for said schools and to inspect them shall order - 2 voted to have eight week writing school in each of the quarters of the town the ensuing season - 3 voted - Chose a Committee of five men to provide for the schools viz M^r Phineas Chamberlain; Matthew Smith Benj^r Baron Jr Josiah Conner & Col^l Timothy Jones -

5th A^{ts} To know what method the town will take to provide the firewood for the Rev^d Samuel Stearns the ensuing year - voted as last year; and chose a Committee of three men to provide said wood viz Col^l Jones, M^r Jonas Gleason, & M^r Solomon Lane -
The continued A^{ts} respecting building a school house in the middle of the town; the town voted not to build one at this time -

At a meeting of the freeholders & other taxable inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified as by the constitution is provided to vote for the representatives to the general court of this commonwealth legally assembled on the twentieth day of October A.D. 1800 - the following voted

To give in their votes for a good and lawfull person to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America - votes for the following persons were given in to the Selectmen -

Capt Jacob Brown of Salem 25 votes

Mr Nathan Hees of Lawrence 21 votes

Col Jones moderator

2d Art To see if the Town will upon the desire of the military officers, allow them their expenses at the division having in Sept. last, or do any thing respecting it the town think best - voted to allow them their amount, it being the sum of fourteen Dollars and forty cents

At a meeting of the freeholders and other taxable inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified as by the constitution is provided to vote for representatives to the general court of this commonwealth legally assembled on the third day of November A.D. 1800 - for the purpose of giving in their votes for a good and lawfull person to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America The following persons were voted for viz -

Mr Nathan Hees, of Lawrence by 26 votes

Capt Jacob Brown of Salem by 18 votes

At a meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford, lawfully assembled on the second day of March A.D. 1807 - the following vote passed viz -

Articles: Ebenezer Bridge Esq. chosen County Treasurer by 40 votes
2d. Samuel Bartlett Esq. chosen Register of Deeds by 31 votes
3d. To elect four officers for the ensuing year -
Town Clerk William Merriam sworn Collector of Taxes John

Select men { William Merriam }
{ Thompson Brown }
{ William Webber sworn }
{ Solomon Lane }
{ Oliver Reed junr }
Town Treasurer Moses Fitch sworn

Surveyors { Moses Abbot junr }
{ David Fitch junr }
{ Capt David Reed }
{ Minnahus Chamberlain }
{ Thos. Dean }
{ Benj. Brown }
{ William Linvers }
{ Nathl. Brown }
{ Elijah Stearns }

viewers { Jonathan Lane }
{ Oliver Pollard }
{ Field }
{ Jonathan Lane }
{ Stephen Lane }
{ Hog }
{ William Linvers }
{ Matthew Pollard }
{ Sealers }
{ Leather }
{ Capt David Reed sworn }

Sealers of Lumber M. Oliver Pollard sworn
Sealers of weights & measures John Webber junr. sworn
Tith granter, William Muswell. Nathl. Page. Minn. Page and

John Hays.
To know how much money the town will grant for repairing the highways and bridges this year voted the sum of Four hundred

and six pence. To know in what method the town will proceed in repairing the highways and bridges this year; voted as last year

6d. To know if the town will take any method to prevent next cattle from going at large on common land, & roads within the limits of the town the ensuing year - voted that the cattle

shall be shut up the ensuing year.
7d. To know if the town will grant any sum of money to repair the Carlisle road, or to do any thing respecting that road

capt John Hays came forward and offered, that if the town would employ the sailing on both sides of the Causeway he would for the sum of two hundred Dollars. the one half to be paid him in

one year, and the other half, in two years; he would build two good walls one on each side of the highway four feet high with stone

from the end of the bar to the bridge 20 feet apart from each other, and fill them up with gravel, with a single way through the Causeway 10 feet wide. the town accepted of his offer, and

agreed with him to go on and do it. The town then voted that the Committee that had the care of it before be still a Committee

to know if the town will upon the desire of M Samuel Harbottle and the end of the road, at Joseph & William Harbottle, voted in the affirmative

3 art. To know if the town will give a bounty for crows head
killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year; voted
the sum of twenty five cents for each crows head that may
be killed within said limits within the year & that the tax
be directed to receive & pay for them —
The continued art. respecting opening a road by M^r. Oliver
Reeds house so as to join the road leading from Redford meet-
ing house to Lexington &c. voted to be continued to May meeting
The continued art. respecting straightening the road from
Dean Daws & M^r. Joseph Converse, to Bedford meeting house
voted that it be recommitted to the former committee
and that they report to the town at next town meeting
and that the article be continued to that time
Benjamin Danforth put to Capt. Page at 7/6 per week until
next march meeting
The widow Goodell put to Thad^s. Hitch at 9/6 per week until
next Sept^r meeting
The care of the meeting to Jeremiah Hitch at two Dollars & 99^{cents}
for the year —

At a meeting of the freeholders & other qualified voters of the
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled on
the fourth day of May A.D. 1800 the following votes passed
Articles To know if the town will elect and depute a good
and lawfull person to serve for and represent them at the
great and general court this present year; voted in the negative
2 art. To know if the town is of a mind that the Rev. M^r.
Samuel Stearnes salary, should be assessed this year by
the last Invoice, voted in the affirmative —
3 art. To know if the town will upon the desire of a num-
ber of the inhabitants, take any method to open the road
from St. Eleazer Davises house, and by St. John Spragues
house to the end of the open road East of said Spragues house
the town chose a committee of three men, viz. Capt. John
Webber, Col. Jones, and Dr. Preston to examine the expedi-
ency of opening the road, and to report to the town at next
Sept. meeting. — & that the article be continued to that time
The continued article respecting opening a road by M^r.
Oliver Reeds house &c. — the town voted that the article
be committed to the same committee, and that they
report to the town at next Sept. meeting
The continued article respecting straightening the road
from Dean Daws & M^r. Joseph Converse, to Bedford meet-
ing house — The committee reported it their opinion, that
its best for the town to straighten the road from the maple tree
in the line between the old road & land of M^r. Oliver Reeds &
from Dr. Preston land of St. Reeds to the North end of the land
— put near the Causeway — The town accepted the reports
and voted that the select men together with the sd. former
committee be directed to lay out the road, and to appraise
the damages — and to lay the same before the town at
next Sept^r meeting
The continued article respecting straightening the road near
Dr. Prestons house — the town voted to continue the art-
icle under the direction of the former committee to next
Sept^r meeting —

A meeting of the freeholders & other valuable inhabitants
of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the seventh day
of Sept. A.D. 1861 - Mr. Thompson Bacon presided
The town voted to continue the meeting to the eighth instant
at two o'clock P.M. - Sept 8th the town met and proceeded
business viz - art. 1. To know how much money the town will
grant to defray the ordinary charges of the town in ensuing year
Voted the sum of three hundred & seventy five dollars
2 art. To know how much money the town will grant for the
support of schools the ensuing year: Voted the sum of three
hundred dollars for that purpose -
3 art. To know in what method the town will proceed relating to
schools the ensuing year: Voted in the same method as last year -
and made choice of a committee to provide schools: viz. Nathl.
Brown: Stephen Lane: William Porter: William Conners: & Nathl.
Hayward -
4 art. To know what method the town will take to procure the
fire wood for the Revd. Samuel Stearns the ensuing year
voted in the same method as last year: & chose a committee
viz. Col. Jones: Jonas Gleason: and David Page to procure wood
5 art. To know if the town will accept of the Road as laid out
by the committee and selectmen on land of Mr. River Street
the Report of the committee and selectmen was that they
had laid out the Road as follows viz. beginning at the maple tree
at the foot of the Hall: from thence a straight line to a white pine
tree marked with stones at the root near the northerly end of
the sand pit: said Road is laid out two rods wide to be run
on the East side of the road - and we do appraise to the
River Street at the sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars -
The town accepted the Report of their committee: & voted
that the Road shall be opened in one year & eight months
from this date -

The continued art. respecting opening road by St. Sprague &
the town voted to continue that to next March meeting -
The continued art. respecting opening a road by Mr. River Street
the town voted to continue that to next March meeting -
The continued art. respecting straightening the road near
Samariah Preston house the town voted to continue that to
next March meeting -
The wid. Corvill put to bond with Capt. Moore, at 10¢ per
week until next March meeting -
Mr. Jesse Robertson appointed Taxson - by the selectmen -
Lucas Bacon a daughter of Miss Bacon put to bond with
Mr. Jeremiah Fitch October 3rd 1861 at 4¢ per week
Laid out to the militia company 17 rot & 3/4 of paces -

At a meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants of the
town of Bedford Legally assembled on the second day of Nov. 1801
I article. To know if the town will upon the desire of the Rev.
Mr Samuel Stearns take into their consideration his embar-
rased circumstances in consequence of the depreciation of cur-
rency and grant him some relief in any way that the town
think best. The town choose a Committee of nine men to
take the whole matter into their wise consideration and for
them to report to the town what they think best for the
town to do. The Committee Capt John Webber; John Reed Esq
William Merriam, Timothy Jones Esq Oliver Pollard, Capt David
Reed; Solomon Lane; Thompson, Baion; & Matthew Fitch
part To know if the town will take any method to procure
plank for the Bridge called the Carlisle bridge. The town
chose a committee of three men, viz., David Lane; Elijah
Stearns & Esq. Phineas Chamberlain. to procure Plank &
inspect the bridge & keep it in repair the ensuing year
part To know if the town will ratify the agreement made
between their Committee and Capt John Moore respecting widening
the Causway called the Carlisle Causway (which was that he
should build the Causway 6 feet wider then was proposed
and that the town should give him 50 Dollars there for
the town by vote ratified the said agreement
The town then voted to continue this meeting by adjourn-
ment on the first article in the warrant to hear the
report of their committee thereon; to the 16 instant at
two o'clock in the after noon

November 16th the town met and proceeded to hear the
Report of their Committee which was as follows viz -
That it is best for the town, to pay the Rev. Mr. Samuel
Stearns, salary annually, from and after the 1st day of
April next according to the article stipulated and offered
to him, as a yearly salary, on the eighteenth day of January
1806; viz: four shillings on Beef - one shilling on Pork and the
other 4th on grain; at the prices then offered.
They also Recommend to the town to loan to the Rev. Mr.
Samuel Stearns the sum of one thousand Dollars, with-
out Interest during the time he supplies the desk, he
giving the sufficient Security, for the payment of the
Principal at the time when he shall cease to supply
the desk. - The town voted to accept the Report of the
Committee.

1802		volens chosen on the Hopes Pitch heafure	8	0
Feb 21	to Mr. Matthew Fitch for work at the Carlisle road		+2	82
21	to Jesse Robertson for work at the Carlisle road		+1	00
21	to Capt. Goodwin for work at the Carlisle road		+2	00
21	to Jeremiah Fitch for work at the Carlisle road		+1	40
21	to En. Chamberlain for work at the Carlisle road		+2	28
21	to Mather Hayward for work at the Carlisle road		+2	81
21	to John Webber for his service as collector for the year			
1801 which chum is in full				
21	to Dr. Dutton for his attendance to the poor		+25	00
21	to Samuel Lane for one cord of pine wood to the school		+3	71
21	to Mather Hayward for work at the Carlisle road		+3	29
21	to John Webber for the a batiment of Capt. Wheelers		+1	78
	minister's tax for two years last year		+9	10
21	to Capt. Moore in part for the Carlisle canseway		+11	50
21	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+5	33
21	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+3	16
21	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+13	50
21	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+8	00
21	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+1	50
21	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+13	75
21	to Mr. David Lane for work at the house called			
	Flagg Bacon &c		+2	22
21	to Capt. David Reed for entertaining the Court			
	Committee while on the road		+2	35
21	to Samuel Lane y. 2 for work at the house called		+2	00
	the Flagg Bacon house			
26	to Reuben Reed for four feet of wood to the school		+1	85
26	to John Page for making a coffin for Flagg Bacon			
	while and fetching the Corp 182-25-5 and also for			
	glaze to the school house, & sewing divide graft		+3	41
March 2, 1803	to Dec. Davis for money to his Capt. he says		+3	00
2	to Mr. Samuel Heathwell for one cord & 1/2 of wood to the school		+5	50
2	to Capt. Abbot for one cord and 1/2 of wood to the school		+5	24
2	to Mr. Jonathan Gleason for two cord of pine wood to the school		+7	14
2	to George Brown for one cord and an 1/2 of wood to the school		+4	78
2	to Mr. Josiah Hill for two cord and 1/2 of wood to the school		+8	21
2	to Mr. Jesse Robertson for digging a grave for Mr. Brown			83
4	to Mr. Oliver Reed for supporting Polly Bacon a child			
	of Flagg Bacon with victuals and cloths the year past		18	93
4	to Mr. Oliver Reed for nine days service as an assessor		9	00
4	to Mr. Oliver Reed for money to repair the house called			
	Flagg Bacon house		+18	75
4	to Mr. John Webber for 17 days service as an assessor		+17	00
4	to Wm. Merriam for 17 days service as an assessor in full		+17	00
4	to Wm. Merriam for his service as Clerk in full		+15	00
4	to Wm. Merriam for money expended in the Brunswick		+20	59
4	to Moses Fitch for his service as heafure for the town 1802		+9	24
4	to Oliver Reed for cloth for a shirt to Abner Rogers			98
4	to En. Chamberlain for entertaining the Court			
	in a paper on Flagg Bacon's house		+5	15
4	to En. Chamberlain for supporting the Court committee			
	in and other committees in the last year		+12	32
4	to En. Chamberlain for entertaining the electors in 1802		+1	32
4	to En. Chamberlain for supporting Abner in full to the date		+17	00
4	to Capt. Moore in part for the canseway		+7	00
4	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+13	00
4	to Capt. Moore Ditto		+27	00
4	to Capt. Moore in full for the Carlisle canseway		+18	25

March	drawn on Moses Sisk measure	8	66
4 to Benj. Bacon	for plank for the bridge	+ 2	66
4 to W. Benj. Bacon	for cloth for Benj. Danforth		
	shirts and making them up	+ 3	61
4 to W. Wm. Porter	for supporting miss Goodell		
	in part to this date	+ 4	50
4 to Timothy Page	for two pie sheet to Allie negro	+ 2	88
4 to David Ely	for warming two meetings	+ 2	00
7 to William Porter	for supporting and clothing the wife Goodell		
	in full to this date	+ 33	89
7 to Wm. Maxwell	for supporting Benj. Danforth		
	in full to this date	+ 9	25
7 to Capt. Reed	for supporting Abigail Johnson in full		
	although have for getting to this date	+ 33	94
7 to Thompson Bacon	for his services as a juror	+ 2	50
	ever with the Court committee		
7 to Wm. Maxwell	for services to Benj. Danforth	+ 2	00
	when sick		
7 to Wm. Conner	for supporting Dorcas Bacon	+ 1	50
	child of Eliza Bacon in full to this date	+ 7	35
7 to Capt. David Page	for paying the school m		
	for m. Howe	+ 2	50
7 to M. Samuel Lane	for boarding the school master		
	2 weeks and paying him four dollars	+ 16	00
7 to Col. Jones	for boarding the school master 8 weeks	+ 12	00
10 to M. Sam. Wright	for teaching school 16 weeks in 1802/3	+ 56	00
10 to Mr. Jonas Gleason	one cord of wood to the school	+ 5	00
10 to John Hefsey	for boarding the school master 8 weeks	+ 12	00
14 to Asa Mead	for shoes to Dorcas Bacon child of		
	Eliza Bacon	+ 1	11
14 to Geo. Davis	for boarding of school master 8 weeks	+ 12	00
14 to Josiah Hill	for 8 cord of wood to the Rev. Stearns	+ 29	10
14 to Stephen Lane	for 4 cord of wood to the Rev. M. Stearns	+ 14	66
14 to Nathl. Brown	for 4 cord of wood to the Rev. M. Stearns	+ 14	50
23 to Humphrey Brook	for teaching school	+ 20	69
April 4 to Jeremiah Smith	for taking care of meeting		
	house the last year in full	+ 2	56
4 to Wm. Elijah Stearns	for money paid Mr.		
	Howe 5.03 & for work at the earthy bridge	+ 9	53
4 to Nathl. Brown	for warming two meetings	+ 2	00
may 2 to M. Matthew Hilton	for his ministerial tax		
	abated for 1801 & 1802	+ 00	26
2 to St. Davis	for ten rods of wall on Sprague's land		
2 to M. Josiah Hill	for ten rods of wall built on St.	+ 17	50
	John Sprague's land in part		
2 to Josiah Hill	in full for St. wall	+ 8	33
2 to Nathl. Brown	for ten rods of wall on Sprague's land	+ 7	77
2 to Almond Thitch	for ten rods of wall on Sprague's land	+ 15	28
	land - for the town	+ 17	78
June 17 to Thad. Smith	for supporting miss Goodell		
	in part to this date	+ 3	00
17 Ditto	for miss Goodell		
	in part to this date	+ 3	00
17 to Capt. Goodridge	for ten rods of wall on		
	St. Sprague's land	+ 15	77
17 to St. Davis	for building wall on Sprague's land	+ 2	00
17 to Capt. Abbot	for supporting Benj. Danforth		
	for 2 weeks in full	+ 8	00
7 to Capt. Goodridge	for 2 rods of wood to Benj. Danforth	+ 3	17

Order drawn on Moses Smith Treasurer		\$8	6
December 1st to Capt. Webber for the abatement of Sam Harrison's taxes \$2..27— and Benj. Spabley \$1..61— and Ephraim Merriam \$0..13— and John Dix \$1..11— and Amor Hobbenus— \$2..27 ————— +14		39	
12 to Lt John Sprague for work done on the Carlisle road		2	50
12 to Capt. Webber for his services as collector for 1799 & 20		0	00
12 to Capt David Reed for the Selectmen's expenses		+2	34
15 to Thaddeus Fitch for leather goods for the Carlisle Carryway; the account not come in		+3	6
15 to William Maxwell for supporting Benj. Daniels from the 22 of July to the 22 of October in full —		+14	25
17 to Col Jones for his attendance two days at County court in March last		+2	00
18 to James Wilson junr for repairing the School house in the middle of the year 1799 —		+2	00
January 22 ^d 1801 to Capt. Reed for clothing to Benj. Daniels			
26 to Col Jones for work done on the Carlisle		+3	14
Bridge in the year 1800 —		+1	83
31 to James C. Jones for Supporting the wid. Goodell in part from August 25 th to December 9 th 1800 —		+10	64
31 Ditto to D Jones —		+10	00
31 Ditto to D Jones —		+5	00
31 Ditto to D Jones —		+5	00
31 Ditto to D Jones the sum of — Three Dollars and Seventy cent which sums are in full for support both in sickness and in health to the time of her death & for linen to lay her out in & for expense of the funeral		+3	70
February 16 to Wm. Brewster for taking in the town road			
16 to Mr. Elijah Stearns for plank to the Carlisle Bridge		+7	82
16 to Elijah Stearns for Plank, and work at the Carlisle Bridge in full —		+15	12
16 to Capt Amos Stearns for 308 feet of Plank to the Carlisle bridge —		+9	24
20 to Jno. Stearns for work done at the Carlisle Bridge		+2	30
20 to Jno. Stearns for work done at the Carlisle Bridge		+2	24
20 to Jno. Stearns for work done at the Carlisle Bridge		+4	67
20 to Jno. Stearns for work done at the Carlisle Bridge		+4	9
20 to Jno. Stearns for work done at the Carlisle Bridge		+2	00
20 to Jno. Stearns for work done at the Carlisle Bridge		+1	72
27 to Wm. Stearns for Supporting the wid Goodell from the 12 day of August to the first day of December 16 weeks when sick and lame —		+42	00
27 to Wm. Stearns for Supporting the wid Goodell from the first day of Decr last to the second day of March next in full —		+26	00
27 to Wm. Stearns for his services as town Clerk		+13	34
27 to Capt. Reed for Selectmen's expenses of his house		+00	70
27 to Thomas Dean in part for support of S. Goodell		+1	25
27 to Thomas Dean Ditto — for Abigail Johnson		+3	7
27 to Thomas Dean for supporting S. Abigail in full		+18	00

Orders drawn on Moses Fitch Treasurer.		9.	6
27	To Wm Webber for his services as an assessor eight days and an half in the year 1800	+ 8	50
27	To M ^r Jonas Gleason for four cord of wood to the Rev. M ^r Stearns	+ 13	38
27	To Thompson Bacon for his services 11 day and an half in the year 1800 as assessor	+ 11	50
27	To Wm Merriam for his services of 1/2 day as an assessor & two day 1/2 as schoolers services	+ 12	00
27	To Thomas Dean for clothing to Abigail Johnson	+ 6	41
27	To M ^r Moses Fitch for his services & freight	+ 8	50
2	To M ^r John Hill in part for wood to the Rev. M ^r Stearns	+ 8	00
2	To M ^r John Hill Ditto	+ 5	00
2	To M ^r Hill in full for eight cord of wood to the Rev. Samuel Stearns in 1800	+ 13	66
2	To M ^r Benj ⁿ Bacon jun ^r for four cord of wood to the Rev. M ^r Stearns	+ 13	33
2	To David Fitch jun ^r for warming a barn meeting an October 1st	+ 1	00
23	To M ^r Luke Lane for digging the grave for the wid ^d Fitch	+ 1	38
24	To Thad ^s Fitch for supporting Miss Goodell in part to this date	+ 7	00
April 6	To M ^r David Lane for making a coffin for the wid ^d Thad ^s	+ 9	00
6	To Capt. Wade for supporting Benj ⁿ Danforth in full to the second day of March	+ 30	00
6	To Jeremiah Fitch for taking care of a meeting	+ 4	00
6	To Capt. Goodridge for supporting M ^r Lane with in full to this date	+ 6	25
6	To M ^r Benj ⁿ Bacon jun ^r for one cord & half of oak wood to the S ^t School	+ 4	85
24	To M ^r Elijah Stearns for one cord & an half of pine wood to the School	+ 5	00
24	To M ^r Matthew Pollard for boarding the School master 8 weeks in part	+ 7	33
24	Ditto to Matthew Pollard in full for board	+ 6	00
24	To Capt. Moore for work & timber to the Carlisle Bridge in full to this date	+ 16	16
24	To Col ^l Jones for work done at the Carlisle Bridge in full to this date	+ 9	06
24	To Dean Wright for work done at the Carlisle causeway	+ 4	62
24	To M ^r Sam ^l Lane for work at y ^e Causeway	+ 4	83
24	To Dr. Griffin for work at y ^e causeway	+ 00	75
24	Ditto to M ^r Luke Lane	+ 1	50
24	Ditto to M ^r Solomon Lane	+ 1	50
24	To Col ^l Jones for boarding y ^e master 8 weeks	+ 2	74
24	To M ^r Wm Dean for boarding Abigail Johnson 5 weeks in full	+ 13	33
24	To M ^r Thad ^s Fitch for boarding Miss Goodell in part	+ 5	00
24	To Henry Abbot for sundries at the Causeway	+ 2	00
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Orders drawn on Moses Fitch Town Treasurer	\$	c
April 24 to James Lane for work at the Causeway	+	1 33
24 to Capt Bacon for work at the castle Causeway	+	3 50
24 to Nathl Brown for work at the Causeway	+	1 84
May 5 to Mr Thad: Fitch for supporting the		
wid. Goodell in part to this date	+	1 50
4 to Aaron Simonds for four cord of wood to Rev. Mr. Slee		
and 8 forward to the School		
4 to John Merriam for two cord of wood to the School	+	27 61
4 to Mr. Moses Abbott for one cord of oak wood to the School	+	7 09
4 to John Webber for boarding the School master 8 weeks	+	3 08
4 to William Conners for boarding the School master 8 weeks	+	13 38
4 to Josiah Conners for wood to the School	+	13 38
4 to Mr. Moses Abbott for warming a Meeting	+	3 38
21 to Mr. Thad: Fitch for bearing up wid Goodell in part	+	1 00
21 to Thad: Fitch in part for boarding up wid Goodell to date	+	3 00
June 13 to Thad: Fitch for supporting the wid		
Goodell in part to this date	+	5 00
July 15 to Thad: Fitch for boarding the wid Goodell	+	3 00
August 7 to Thad: Fitch for boarding the wid Goodell	+	4 00
24 to Miss Rebekah Dean for supporting Abigail John		
in in part to this date	+	1 00
24 Ditto for Support of said Abigail in full to		
the seventeenth instant	+	18 00
Sept 14 to Dean Davis for money he paid for preaching	+	3 50
at Cambridge		
14 to Wm Merriam for money paid to Sppr. Fay 61	+	3 00
and clerk Bigelow 3/8 his services	+	4 50
14 to William Merriam for money paid Sppr. Bigelow		
14 to Mr. Thad: Fitch for supporting the wid Good		
ell in full to the eighth instant	+	11 25
October 16 to Rebekah Dean for boarding said		
Abigail John two weeks and clothing in full	+	5 33
16 to Col Jones for boarding the School mistress		
8 weeks at 7/1 and two Dollars for the services	+	11 33
28 to Thad: Fitch for supporting a child of Capt		
Bacon ten weeks in part	+	3 33
28 to Thad: Fitch for supporting a child in full	+	1 67
Nov. 2 to Dean Davis for his daughters teaching School		
Eight weeks and boarding her self	+	18 67
2 to Aaron Bloodgett for boarding up School mistress	+	4 23
2 to Capt. Moore for supporting messenger	+	12 00
2 to Capt. Page for supporting Benj. Banforth from the 6th April		
to this date in full	+	37 50
Decemr 7 to John Webber jr for boarding the School		
mistress 8 weeks in full	+	9 33
8 to Oliver Reed jr for supporting Polly Bacon		
child of Capt Bacon in full to this date 9:47	+	11 87
Sixteen shillings of the above order is for cloth		
for the wid. Goodell		
8 to John Webber for his services as collector for the	+	23 00
town the last year in full	+	3 17
8 to Mr. Thompson Bacon for his services as a sepo in part	+	12 00
8 to Wm Merriam for support of Allen negro when		
present 11 days - 5:50 - and for ex. recs supporting her	+	12 00
and for his writings supporting the valuation 5:00	+	2 00
16 to Mr. Moore for supporting the wid Goodell in part	+	9 33

Dealers drawn on Moses Fitch four Treasures		8	2
January 4. 1802 to Mr. Thad. Fitch for supporting			
Allon negro in part		+6	00
4 Ditto in full for six weeks board		+8	00
4 to Capt Page for clothing to Benj. Danforth		+11	22
6 to Enr Chamberlain for paying the school mist		+9	33
6 to Enr Chamberlain for boarding 3 school mist		+9	33
20 to Thomas Thompson Mathew Skelton for supporting Abigail John			
in full from Sept. 15. to December 28		+17	50
20 to Dr. Weston for medicine and visits to Allen			
and for fifteen quide boards lettering in part		+9	15
20 Ditto in full for the above boards &c		+3	07
February 15 to Matthew Fitch for carrying the			
School mistress to Dracot		+1	25
15 to Mr. Thompson, Bacon for money paid to Hull			
-win and his journey to Bapton & writings &c		+8	00
15 to Wm Merriam for money to payed Sullivan			
and his journey to Bapton		+7	00
18 to Thad. Fitch for supporting Allen in part		+2	50
26 to Thad. Fitch for supporting Allen in full to this date		+5	50
6 to Oliver Reed junr for supporting Polly Bacon a			
daughter of Capt. Stagg Bacon in full to this date		+6	37
6 to Samuel Lane & 3 for work at the Carlisle Bridge		+2	72
6 to Capt Page for supporting Benj. Danforth in full to date		+21	25
6 to Capt Moore for supporting the wid. Goodell in full to date		+25	75
6 to Mr. Solomon Lane for his servis 11 days on the valuation			
and one day for ambulating he thier Billerica & Bedford			
and for work at the Carlisle bridge, and for work in putting			
up guide posts, and a journey to Kinneg, & forward		+17	75
6 to Mr. Oliver Reed junr for his servis 9 days on the valuation		+9	00
6 to Enr Chamberlain for the selectmens expenses at his house			
and for work at the Carlisle bridge		+8	68
6 to Wm. Merriam for his servis 12 1/2 as on the valuation			
and as an assessor of taxes the last year		+25	50
6 to Wm. Merriam for his servis as Town Clerk the last year		+15	00
6 to Nathl. Bacon on Capt. Moores account for the Campway		+1	50
6 to St. Sprague on Capt. Moores account for the Campway		+10	00
6 to David Lane on Capt. Moores account for the Campway		+5	00
6 to Enr Chamberlain on Capt. Moores account for the Campway		+17	84
6 to Mr. Solomon Lane on Capt. Moores account for the Campway		+5	00
6 to Oliver Reed junr for repairs to the west School house		+1	75
6 to Moses Fitch for his servis as town treasurer the last year		+5	50
6 to Wm. Merriam Fitch for supporting David Bacon bridge			
-ter of Cap. Stagg Bacon in full to this date		+11	67
March 13. 1802 to Capt. Reed for expenses of the selectmen			
the last year			
1 to Mr. Thompson, Bacon for his servis as an assessor		+4	78
and on the valuation, for the last year in full		+20	33
1 to Wm. Webber for supporting Abigail John in			
six weeks - and for his servis as an assessor			
and valuator the last year, and other servis		+19	08
Ditto in part		+3	00
Ditto		+10	00
Ditto		+2	00
Ditto in full		+1	72
to Ely Reed for two quide grafts		+1	00
to Elijah Hill for 4 cords of wood viz 3 cords School		+25	00

W. Moses Titch Treasurer of the town charged with Taxes
 committed unto John Webber junr - viz -
 the over levy of the State and County tax; dated
 November 18th 1800 the sum of Nine Dollars and
 twenty three cents - 9 23
 December 5th 1800 the Town Tax the sum of
 Seven Hundred & fifteen Dollars & 35 cents - 715 35

W. Moses Titch Treasurer of the town. Settled in settling
 with the Selectmen on the 22 day of January A.D. 1801
 returned the following persons indebted to the town, as set
 against their names - viz -
 Jeremiah F. Lane by his note of hand 68 30
 John Webber junr Collector the sum of 995 26
 The said Treasurer hath in his hands the sum of 65 93
 February 23rd 1801. Moses Titch Treasurer charged
 with the arrears of the Highway Rate, committed to
 John Webber junr collector, the sum of three Dollars & Eight
 Cents - 3 86
 June 27th 1801 Moses Titch Treasurer charged with
 the minister's Tax the sum of Four Hundred &
 twenty seven Dollars & Seventy eight Cents 427 78
 Said sum committed to John Webber junr to collect -
 December 23rd 1801. Moses Titch Treasurer charged with
 the town tax the sum of Nine Hundred & thirty two Dollars
 and fifty two cents, the sum committed unto John Webber
 to collect 932 52
 and also the sum of Seven Dollars and Eighty five cents 11 85
 Said sum was over and in the State & County tax
 Dated on November 28th 1801 committed to John Webber
 to collect -

W. Moses Titch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford
 in settling with the Selectmen on the 20 day
 of January A.D. 1802. returned the following
 persons indebted to the town as set against
 their names -
 viz Jeremiah F. Lane by his note of hand 68 30
 John Webber junr Collector the sum of 1376 01
 The said Treasurer hath in his hands the sum of 2 68
 November 16th 1801 Moses Titch town Treas-
 urer charged with a bond of one Thousand
 and Dollars signed to this town by the
 Revd Samuel Mearns; Solomon Lane &
 Elijah Mearns -
 February 26th 1802 Moses Titch Treasurer charged
 with the sum of Six Dollars & 7 cents the arrears
 of the Highway tax dated April 22nd 1801 6 47
 June the 16th A.D. 1802. Moses Titch Treasurer charged
 with the sum of one Hundred and Seventy seven
 Dollars and fifty one cents 177 51
 committed unto John Webber the third a Collector for the
 Town of Bedford to collect a part of the said sum of Dollars for

Treasurer charged with the sum

Mr. Joseph Smith treasurer of the town of Berkeley
 charged with the town tax the sum of Fifteen
 Hundred & seventy three Dollars and 63 cents
 paid also with the sum of Seven Dollars & 56 cents
 it being the over and of the State & County tax
 Dated November the thirteenth A. D. 1802
 and also the sum of fourteen Dollars & 53 cents
 it being the arrears of the Highway tax
 Dated April 19th A. D. 1802

8 28
 1573 63
 7 56
 64 53

15	Ordered drawn on Mr. Moses Fitch town Treasurer	8	16
	March 7, 1850 to Mr. Mather Hayward for five cords		
	and an half of wood to the West School	+9	04
16	to Mr. Merriam for money paid Bigelow	+10	00
April 5	to Elijah Mead for one cord of wood to the	+3	58
5	to Mr. Gleason Davis for four cord of wood to the		
	Rev. Mr. Stearns	+15	00
5	to Mr. Stephen Lane for four cord of wood to		
	Mr. Mead and one day's work at Carlisle	+16	00
5	to Stephen Lane for paying the School master	+28	00
5	to Aaron Bloodgood for boarding the School master	+11	33
5	to Capt. Moore in part for the Carlisle Campway	+6	61
5	to Capt. Moore in part for the Carlisle Campway	+6	83
5	to Capt. Moore in part for the Carlisle Campway	+3	17
5	to Mr. Wm. Conner for boarding and paying		
	the School master & for 4 1/2 feet of wood to the	+41	33
7	to William Porter for paying the School		
	master Mr. Conant for the East School	+28	00
7	to William Porter for boarding School master	+11	33
7	to Mather Hayward for paying the School		
	master Mr. Conant for the West School	+28	00
7	to Mather Hayward for boarding School master	+10	00
7	to Jeremiah Fitch for taking care of the meeting	+2	99
	the last year		
8	to Roger Reed for entertaining the friends		
	of the deceased Sally Bacon daughter of		
	Eliaz Bacon at her interment	+2	00
26	to Jonas Gleason for four cord of wood to the Rev.		
	Mr. Stearns, & three cord & half to the School	+27	53
26	to Capt. Moore in part for the Carlisle Campway	+4	00
May 3	to Capt. Edge for timber for the bridge	+3	50
3	to Mr. Benj. Babcock for an 185 feet of two inch plank		
	for one of the bridges	+3	08
3	to Mr. Moses Fitch for attending to Mr.		
	Stearns' matters	+1	28
3	to Mr. David Fitch for boarding Dorcas		
	Bacon daughter of Eliaz Bacon 9 weeks		
	and washing a meeting	+5	80
3	to Capt. Wm. Goodrich for four cord of wood to		
	the Rev. Mr. Stearns	+15	00
3	to Mr. Wm. Porter for supporting of Goodell		
	and Abigail Johnson in part	+10	00
3	to Mr. Solomon Lane for supporting Ellis		
	near nine weeks	+6	90
10	to Dean Davis for one cord of wood to School	+3	50
June 8	to William Merriam for money paid		
	and time expended in the Suit with Eliaz		
	Bacon agent for this town	+10	53
8	to Mr. Oliver Reed for money paid in the		
	Suit with Eliaz Bacon	+13	72
8	to Mr. William Webber for money paid in the		
	Suit with Eliaz Bacon	+8	00
8	to Col. Jones for paying the School master	+9	33
	and for time spent in F. Bacon's Suit	+5	25
		+14	64

Orders drawn on Messrs Titch Town Treasurers
 July 30. 1802 to Lt. Bradley, Barrers on Capt
 Moore's account, for the causeway, in part 49 79
 30 to Lt. Barrers for one Dollar paid for ~~and~~
 bringing back the ^{and his share, one dollar} ~~rares~~ of the causeway, + 2 00
 August 3. to William Maxwell for supporting
 Benj. Danforth in part to this date + 16 00
 3. Ditto — in full, to this date — 5 00
 Sept 6 to Capt. Moore in part for the ^{causeway} Cartlife, + 22 00
 6 to Wm. Porter for supporting Abigail John
 — in part — — — — — + 7 00
 6 to Wm. Merriam in part for his services this year 3 00
 6 to Wm. Fowles for boarding Dorcas Bacon 18 weeks
 and finding her clothing — — — — — + 6 43
 6 to Wm. Porter for supporting the wid. Goodell
 and Abigail Johnson in full to this date — + 46 37
 6 to Wm. Porter for paying, and boarding the School miss
 for 8 weeks, service in the year 1802 + 16 00
 6 to Mather Hayward for boarding and paying the School
 mistress for eight weeks, service — — — — — + 15 56
 6 to Nath. Brown for boarding and paying the School
 mistress for eight weeks, service — — — — — + 15 56
 6 to Stephen Lane for boarding and paying the School
 mistress for eight weeks, service — — — — — + 16 00
 6 to Wm. Fowles for boarding and paying the School
 — mistress for eight weeks, service — — — — — + 16 00
 6 to Wm. Merriam for supporting and clothing Alie
 Jack 18 weeks in full to this date — — — — — + 4 75
 6 to Capt. Shipps Cage for supporting Benj. Danforth
 in full to the 5 of April last — — — — — + 6 25
 15 to Mr. Amos Lock for supporting: nursing, and
 Dock Nursing; Sally Bacon Daughter of Sagar Bacon
 to the 8 day of April last or to her death in full + 13 25
 Nov. 1 to Geo. Davis for money he paid to the Baptist Society in
 Cambridge for the year 1801 — — — — — + 3 40
 1 to Capt. Moore in part for the Cartlife causeway + 8 00
 1 to William Maxwell for supporting Benj. Danforth
 in full to this date — — — — — + 13 07
 1 to David Lane for repairs to the Cartlife bridge in 1800 67
 December 16. to Capt. Moore in part for the Cartlife
 Causeway — — — — — + 7 00
 16 to Capt. Moore in part for the Causeway — — — — — + 1 88
 16 to Capt. Moore in part for the Cartlife causeway — + 1 50
 16 to John Webber for the a late ment or School
 miss, ^{Miss} ~~rares~~ and Capt. Sagar Bacon's personal
 18. 1802 26. 00 + 26 51
 16 to Geo. Lane for work at the Cartlife Road — — — — — + 00 90
 16 to John Lane for work at the Cartlife ^{Road} ~~causeway~~ + 3 16
 16 to John Lane for work at the Cartlife ^{Road} ~~causeway~~ + 5 54
 21 to John Millon, he having been overbalanced
 through mistake — — — — — + 2 19
 21 to Nath. Brown for work at the Cartlife ^{Road} ~~causeway~~ + 3 00
 21 to Dr. J. Chamberlain for work at the Cartlife ^{Road} ~~causeway~~ 2 53
 January 3. 1803 to Wm. Maxwell for supporting Benj.
 Danforth in full to this date — — — — — + 9 25

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 June 7th To M^r Albot for 4 cord & five feet of wood
 1779 Cared to the schoolhouse at 56 per cord £ 12-15-0x
 22 To Oliver B. gun for his Man John Johnson
 To Road island on road done for ~~the~~ 30 Days } 20-18-0x
 28 To David Bacon for a man to Road island for ~~the~~
~~the~~ 30 Days } 19-5-6x
 February 11th 1780 To Oliver Pellard for Oliver
 Rowman Rates for 4 year 1778 and Joseph Hill
 Jonathan Hill and Samuel Harnes highway } 4-18-6x
 Rates —

In observance of an act of the Great and General
 Court Dated December the 9th 1776 by the Select men
 of Bedford Have taken the Number of all their male
 inhabitants on the first day of January A D 1777
 sixteen years old and upwards & Transmitted the Same
 into the Secretaries office agreeable to the Resolve
 Male inhabitants of Bedford 126
 Negros 15
 131

30th To Samuel Bacon Constable for 4 year 1778
 June 7 To John Reed Esq^r for paying Madras Sitch for
 1779 keeping a school 30 pounds & nine pounds for his
 son John Reed to Road island } 39-x-
 27 To Jeremiah Sitch for a man with Capt Moore
 to Cambridge } 11-x-
 28 To Samuel Meriam for a man to Boston with Capt
 Harnes } 12-x-
 August 11th To Reuben Reed for going with Capt S. Meriam to Boston 11-x
 January To Timothy Sones for a man to Boston with Capt Harnes
 17th 1780 12 pounds and a man to take a quine 2 pounds - 14-0x
 February 30 1780 To Madras Sitch for his Rates stated 4 year 1778 1 3-4x

In observance of an act of the Great & General Court
 Dated March 20th 1776 by the Select men took the Number
 of inhabitants of the Town of Bedford of all ages including
 Negroes & molattoes — — — — — No. 182

Of Mr. To David Reed for 1/2 year 1779
 February 14th 1780 To Capt. John Moore for 20 bushel Corn to y^e Soldier
 at 9 pounds per bushel 180 pound & paying the rest same. 208-16-0
 28=16 for 1/2 year 1779
 14 To Capt. Eleazer Davis for 16 bushel Corn to y^e Soldier
 at 9 pound 144 pound & paying Isaac Simonds wages 24-10 168-10-0
 28 To William Page for Money paid (cash Robt m 30 pound)
 & per 1/2 an 10 pound 30 pound to y^e Capt. Moore for 10 pound
 to Eleng Johnson and 20 to y^e Expenses in the Sail of pell 210-1-0
 28 To Eliaz Davis to Caser Robbun for a Tow to Clavarick 24-3-4
 28 To Timothy Jones for paying Reuben Ball to Clavarick 52-13-4
 March 4th 2 To Andrew Hall for Kinging the Bell & a key } 24-0-0
 for the Bell house
 2 To Mr. Joseph Arkwell for Services as a pressor &
 one Load of wood to pellham and altering Shirts & cloth } 45-9-0
 and for his wages & expenses for the year 1778
 2 To Jeremiah Bulchard for y^e Milit Men's Expenses at his house
 House & Services as a pressor & three pound for Making Money paid to y^e Sons & blood
 2 To William Meriam for Services as a pressor & two Load
 of wood to pellham 21-12-0
 March 6th To Reuben Duren for work on the Meetinghouse 8-6-0
 6 To Capt. John Moore for Boarding y^e School Master in y^e year 1778 4-8-0
 Orders To Oliver Bacon for 1/2 year 1779
 February 14th 1780 To Mr. Nathaniel Page
 1780 for paying Lydia Wheeler for keeping y^e school
 at y^e house 1779 28=16-0
 February To Christopher Page for 33 bushel Corn 277 pound
 21 and 52=13-4 paid Simuan Parker a Soldier to Clavarick
 21 To David Fitch for 17 bushel of 349=13-4
 of Indian Corn at 9 pound per bushel 153-0-0
 February 28 To Mr. Thomas Page for 10 bushel Corn for y^e Soldier 90-0-0
 28 To Mr. Jones Gleason for 15 bushel Corn Dito 135-0-0
 28 To Mr. Jones Bowman for Boarding W^m pellham 75-0-0
 28 To Mr. David Page for Nathan Merit to
 Clavarick 52=13-4
 28 To John Lane jun for Peter Lane to Clavarick 42=13-4
 28 To Thomas Page for hauling wood to pellham 4-10-0
 28 To M^r Abbott for his son to Clavarick 52-13-4
 March 4th 2 To Christopher Page jun for Making pellham } 6-8-0
 2 Shirts &oneyard toe (cloth 4 pound & one Shoking 48) } 6-0-0
 2 To David Bacon for hauling wood to pellham 5-0-0
 2 To John Webber for Services as Clerk & a pressor &
 Milit Men's Expenses at his house } 120-6-0
 6 To Mr. Samuel Lane jun for paying y^e School Master
 28=16/ and for a tow of Duty to Cambridge with
 y^e Capt. Moore 11-0-0 ground 39-16-0
 6 To Mr. M^r Abbott for seven feet of wood to pellham 10-10-0

3 Rates for y^r year 1774) Bedford's proportion

Committed unto David Reed Constable of the above } 2855-15-6
State Tax

Said David Reed to pay to y^r State Treasurer 2700-6-8

And also to pay to y^r Town Treasurer 155-8-10

And also committed to Mr Oliver Bacon Constable
of the a^d Loc^d Tax - 3541-14-7

Said Oliver Bacon to pay to y^r State Treasurer 3227-0-0

And also to pay to y^r Town Treasurer 314-14-7

An account of the Town & County Rates for y^r year
1779 committed) of R. Tax) unto Mr David Reed

As Constable to collect Two Thousand & Sixty one
Pounds ten Shillings & four pence 2061-10-4

Said David Reed to pay in to the Town Treasurer
Two Thousand pounds Sixteen Shillings & six pence - 2000-15-6

Bedford's Proportion of y^r County Tax for y^r year
is £146 = 14-10 Said David Reed is to pay into y^r

County Treasurer Sixty pounds sixteen Shillings & six pence 60-14-10

And also committed unto Mr Oliver Bacon

As Constable to collect Two Thousand five hundred } 2549-18-1
Sixty nine pound Eighteen Shillings & one pence.

Said Oliver Bacon to pay in to the Town Treasurer

Two thousand five hundred & seventy three pounds } 2473-18-1

Eighteen Shillings & one penny

Said Oliver Bacon is also to pay in to the County Treasurer

Eighty six pounds

And also committed to David Reed arrears of y^r highway 20-17-4

And also committed to Oliver Bacon arrears of y^r highway -17-19-10

orders to Sonos Gleason

To Ebenezer Bowman for ten days attendance of
pell ham and cutting three Load of wood - +1-2-0-0

Aug^d the month with Samuel Lane Sub Town Treasurer

that man received a State order 10 pound 7 Shilling

15^d and cash 4-7-2 of the a^d and cash deposited in the hand } 14-14-2

of John Webber

Afterwards the cash was paid to William Inerman Treasurer

and he was charged with the same sum in page 56

The State order was carried to the State Treasurer and exchanged for

a State note by said Webber and the note was delivered to

William Inerman to on Treasurer and he stands charged with

the same in Page 56

William Page Town Treasurer charged in the old Book
in page 328 £ 415 6 = 11 = 10 = 0

Decr 31st 1779 William Page Treasurer or Successor ordered
To Receive of David Reed Constable £ 155 = 8 = 10 =
And of Oliver Bacon Constable 314 = 14 = 7
it being committed unto them Respectively to collect
Four Hundred & thirty one pound For Bountys And
Milage, agreeable to y^e Resolves of y^e General Court
of this State & thirty Nine pounds 3/4 over Run
in y^e State Tax ---
William Page Town Treasurer or Successor ordered
To Receive of David Reed Constable } 2000 = 15 = 6
And of Oliver Bacon Constable } 2473 = 18 = 1
And of David Reed arrears of y^e Highway Rate 20 = 19 = 4
And of Oliver Bacon arrears of y^e Highway Rate 17 = 19 = 10 = 1
March 6 William Page Town Treasurer charged with
Cash that Mr Joseph Hart Received of y^e Charles } 14 = 16 = 0 = 0
Mile for Amos Goddards wages ---
March 6 William Page Town Treasurer or his
Successor charged with Cash of the Interest of } £ 5 = 5 = 0 =
David Bacons Note ---
March 14 William Page Town Treasurer or Successor } 0 = 13 = 3 = 0
charged with the y^e interest of Josiah Davis Note }
£ 9.16 = 2 = 3 = 1

The Town bounds were Perambulated In May & June 1780
by the Persons here after named - Viz^t
William Page } With Concord
Josiah Davis }
John Merian } With Lexington
Ebenezer Page }
James Wright } With Billerica
Dea Benjamin Bacon }
Joseph Conover } With Lincoln
The bounds between Woburn & Bedford were Perambulated In Octob^r 1781
by Capt. Christ^r Page } With Woburn
Capt. John Webber }

Mr William Page late Town Treasurer in Reckoning
 with the Selectmen on the 16th Day of March A.D. 1780
 Returned the Several persons here after named in Debt
 To the Town as follows Viz
 The Heirs of Matthew Laws Deceased by his Note £ 2-13-4
 Samuel Whitaker by his Note ———— 2-12-8
 David Page Late Constable ———— £ 0-4-11-2
 John Lane 4th Late Constable ———— 1-1-10-0
 John Lane 4th for part of his term as Constable 0-14-0-0
 L^{ft} Eleazar Davis for an old coat Edward Stephenses
 & also for the D Edward Larvices ———— 0-13-1-2
 Samuel Bacon Late Constable ———— 7-14-9-1
 Oliver Bacon a Late Constable ———— 2-8-23-16-2-1
 David Reed a Late Constable ———— 2-19-2-6-3-0

£ 505-17-1-2

The orders & Notes for the above Mentioned Sums
 Were on the above Day Transmitted unto Mr James Wright
 Town Treasurer — The T^r Treasurer also charged
 With the Sum of one hundred & twenty pounds of
 Milage Money ———— £ 120-0-0-0

James Wright Town Treasurer or Successor ordered to
 Receive of Jonas Gleason Constable the Sum of £ 136-4-2
 & of Samuel Heartwell Constable the Sum of £ 34-16-0
 the above Sums being the ~~overplus~~ ^{overplus} of the Continental and
 State Tax Dated June 16th 1780

James Wright Town Treasurer or Successor ordered to
 Receive of Jonas Gleason Constable ———— £ 120-9-7
 & of Samuel Heartwell Constable ———— £ 92-6-5-4

The above Sums are the too Grants of the Town
 the one for the Repairing the Meeting house the other for
 Defraying the ordinary Charges of the Town

James Wright Town Treasurer ^{or Successor} ordered to Receive of
 Jonas Gleason a Constable the Sum of ———— £ 316-19-9
 & of Samuel Heartwell a Constable the Sum of ———— 246-6-1

James Wright Town Treasurer or Successor ordered to
 Receive of Jonas Gleason a Constable ~~the~~ in Specie £ 1-0-11-1
 & of Samuel Heartwell a Constable in Specie ———— 0-11-8-3

These being the ~~overplus~~ ^{overplus} of the Silver Tax Dated October
 October 4th 1760 James Wright Town Treasurer or Successor
 ordered to Receive of Jonas Gleason a Constable £ 462-0-9-1
 & of Samuel Heartwell a Constable the Sum of ———— 358-1-13-1
 the above Sums is a Grant of the town for the providing
 Beef for the use of 4th Army Granted by 16 Day of October 1780

orders To James Wright Town Treasurer for the year 1780
March 15th To Capt John Webber for money he advanced
in proc Continental Clothing; in the year 1779 } 166-0-0
March 15th To Mr Wm Page overrunning in the Accounting } 70-1-1
With the Selectmen as Treasurer

June 2 To Esq John Reed for attending the Convention
in forming a constitution 2 Days at 25 Dollars a Day } 175-10-0
& also For Attending the Convention at Concord
May 22 To Mr David Bacon for boarding Wm Pellham } 97-10-0
June 2 To Capt John Webber for attending the Convention
at Watertown one Day } 23-18-0

August 26 To Mr David Bacon for boarding Wm Pellham
twelve Weeks & four Days; & also for ^{for his} eating Wood } 170-0-0

October 15 To Mr Samuel Lane for paying School } 97-11-0

Nov 27 To Mr John Lane for Boarding the School Misses } 81-0-0

Nov 27 To Mr Joady Bowman for Boarding
from 26 day William Pellham from 26
26 day of August Thirteen Weeks at 13-10-0 ^{Week} } 175-10-0

February 22 To Cambridge Mass for his service as a Soldier } 0-0-0

March 2 1781 To Mr John Meriam for two horses for the use
of the Continental Army } 28-0-0

March 2 To Mr David Reed for paying the School
master for the year 1780 - & the abatement of paying
Whites Rates & also Ephraim Smiths Rates abated } 185-0-0

March 2 To Mr Samuel Hartwell for money advanced
to him a Continental man } 450-0-0

March 2 To Mr Timothy Jones for Dismissing the Town
Quote of Beef for the use of Wth Continent } 75-11-10

orders to Asa Hapset Constable

Nov 14 To Timothy Lane for two cords of wood to Wm Pellham } 14-0-0

14 To Samuel Lane for boarding & keeping the women
School 10 weeks at 7/6 per week } 2-5-0

14 To John Page for Martha Hopman keeping yr
School 10 weeks at 7/6 per week and for
two pair of Old breeches for Pellham 4/ } 27-9-0

24 To Simon Parker for Rates abated } 10-16-9

February 4 12th

To John Duran for a Coffin for William Pellham
& and work at yr School house } 10-14-0

27 To Mr Timothy Lane Discounted with Keuben
Duran as part pens for the raising the Meeting house } 4-10-0

January 1785 To John Bacon for Simon Islandlands Rates
abated } 5-5-0

orders to Oliver Bacon a late Constable
 to Mr John Page for boarding the Schoolmaster
 in the Year 1778 Four Weeks at 24/ L 4s = 16-0
 June 29th 1779 To John Johnson for Service as a Soldier in 1779 { 342-0
 the one half to Mr Oliver Bacon

orders to David Reed a Late Constable
 to Mr Joseph Hartwell for his Reges Rates abated 3 = 12-0
 In the year 1779
 To William Meriam for Service ^{to the Town} in the 1779 = 4-10-0
 To Esq John Reed for two Loads of Wood to the
 School & five feet to pellham 18-11-0
 To Mr John Meriam for attending the Convention
 at Concord & Waterbury 9 days & half in the year 1779 { 37-1-0
 octob-5th to Mr Nathaniel Meriam for Boarding the School
 & paying the School mistress in the year 1780 39-11-0
 February 6th 1782 to Mr Tab Lane for his Rates abated
 in the year 1779 by reason of his being wounded in
 Concord battle in 1775 { 39-17-0

orders to Samuel Hartwell a Constable
 october 4th to Mr Nathaniel Meriam for Boarding
 & paying the School Mistress in the year 1780 L 38-9-0
 November 2nd To Esq John Reed for attending the Convention
 In June 1780 four days at 12 per day L 48-0-0
 To Mr Jeremiah Kitchin for Boarding & paying
 the School Mistress for six weeks in 1780 L 178-0-0
 December 11th To Lef Eleazer Davis for a Blanket to Isaac Simons 72-0-0
 Decm 23rd To Mr Heuben Duren for Work at the Meeting house
 and School house & setting six Effigies of Glass { 63-18-0
 December 30th to Dea Stephen Davis for attending the Convention { 3-18-0
 in 4th year 1779 one day
 orders to Mr Jonas Gleason a Constable
 october 4th 1780 To Mr John Lane for Wood for School L 6-0-0
 February 12th 1781 To Lieut Christopher Page for Grain to
 Jonas Town & Money to Purchase Grain for other Soldiers L 66-0-0
 Feb 12th To Mr Thomas Page for Money to Purchase horses for
 of the army L 380-0-0
 Feb 22nd To Mr Thomas Page a Blanket for one of the Soldiers 81-0-0
 Feb 22nd To Mr Spadeten Dean for Work done at several bridges
 at the River Barre & Jonas Gleason Mills 285-10-0

Rates for y^e Year 1780 Bedford, proportion 8

Committed unto Jonas Gleason Constable of the State
and Continental Tax Dated June 12. — £ 7172 = 17 = 6
Said Jonas Gleason to pay to the State Treasurer 7036 = 13 = 4
and also to pay to the Town Treasurer 136 = 4 = 2

Committed to P. Jonas Gleason a Town Rate of
Twelve Hundred pounds Nine Shillings & Seven
pence to be paid to the Town Treasurer — £ 1200 = 9 = 7

also Committed unto Samuel Hartwell a Constable
of the State & Continental Tax, Dated 12 June — £ 5534 = 16 = 0
Said Hartwell to pay to the State Treasurer — 5500 = 0 = 0
& also to pay to the Town Treasurer — 34 = 16 = 0

also Committed to P. Samuel Hartwell a Town Rate
of Nine Hundred twenty six pounds five Shillings
& four pence to be paid to the Town Treasurer — £ 926 = 5 = 4

October y^e 9. Committed unto Jonas Gleason a Constable of the
State tax Said to be paid in specie — £ 93 = 0 = 11
to pay to y^e State Treasurer — 92 = 0 = 0
to y^e Town Treasurer — 1 = 0 = 11

also Committed unto Jonas Gleason a Constable a Town Rate
it being a part of a Grant of the Town for Miring Soldiers
at several Campaigns or a part of P. Capt

for him y^e P. Jonas Gleason to collect — £ 3165 = 14 = 9
also Committed unto Samuel Hartwell a Constable
of the State tax Said to be paid in specie — £ 72 = 1 = 8
to pay to y^e State Treasurer — 71 = 10 = 0
to y^e Town Treasurer — 0 = 11 = 8

also Committed unto Mr Samuel Hartwell a Constable to collect
of the Town Rate as above said — £ 2461 = 6 = 10
October y^e 26 1780 Committed unto Jonas Gleason a Constable

a Town Rate it being a Grant of the Town for the miring
Beef for the Use of the Army — £ 4620 = 9 = 1
& also of the P. Grant of y^e Town to Mr Samuel Hartwell
a Constable to collect — y^e sum of £ 3581 = 13 = 4

January y^e 25. 1781 Committed unto Jonas Gleason a Constable
a Town Rate, it being a Grant of the Town, in addition to
y^e Rev. Mr Joseph Peniman's Salary & also his Stated Salary together
with the ordinary Charges of the Town & also for y^e hire of Soldiers
the Summer Past, Including the County Tax — £ 16656 = 1 = 7

P. Gleason to pay to y^e County Treasurer — 300 = —
to the Town Treasurer — £ 16356 = 1 = 7
also to Samuel Hartwell a Constable — £ 12821 = 10 = 2
P. Hartwell to pay to y^e County Treasurer — 250 = 5 = 7
to y^e Town Treasurer — £ 12571 = 4 = 7

Orders To Samuel Hartwell Constable
January 12⁹ to Mr Oliver Reed for a Blanket to Capen 90-0-0
January 27⁹ to Mr William Page for Money to pay the Soldier 216-0-0
February 5⁹ to William Meriam for Money to Jonas ~~for~~ Duren
for his Servis as a Soldier 139-10-0
February 17⁹ to L^d Eleazer Davis for Money advanced to him
a Continental Soldier 150-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr John Meriam for Servis as a person 227-10-0
March 4⁹ to Mr William Page for Servis as a person 244-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Joseph Conors for Servis as a person 150-10-0
March 4⁹ to Mr James Wright for Servis as a person & Jun^r 129-0-0
March 4⁹ to William Meriam for his Servis as a person
and Town Clerk 624-10-0
March 4⁹ to Capt John Moore for Cambridge Servis as a Soldier 1830-0-0
March 4⁹ to Capt John Moore for Grain to Mr Dennison 600-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Jeremiah Titch jun^r for Expens at his house 60-14-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Stephen Hartwell jun^r for Money to Capen Presnt 952-13-9
March 4⁹ to Jeremiah Titch jun^r for his many Servis as a Soldier 810-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Jonas Bowman for boarding Wm Pellham
March 4⁹ to William Meriam for a Blanket 90-0-0
March 4⁹ to Roger Rees for Minging the Bell 108-0-0
March 26⁹ to L^d Eleazer Davis for money advanced
to make up Samuel Conne's Note 240-0-0
April 2⁹ to Mr Samuel Davis for Money advanced to him
6 to Mr Joseph Hartwell for Money advanced to him a Continental man 240-0-0
Orders To Jonas Gleason a Constable
17⁹ March 4⁹ to Capen Presnt for Servis as a Soldier 258-6-9-3
March 4⁹ to Mr Moses Abbott for Money to Capen Presnt 708-19-6-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Stephen Hartwell jun^r for Money to Capen
March 4⁹ to Mr Timothy Lane for Grain to Mr Dennison 225-0-0-0
March 4⁹ to John Johnson for his Servis as a Soldier 300-0-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Jonas Bowman for boarding Wm Pellham
fourteen Weeks a 12-0 per Week 219-10-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Moses Abbott for three cords of Wood to
Wm Pellham & five cords to Mr School 335-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr John Bacon for Thompson's Servis as a Soldier 450-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr David Page for his many Servis as a Soldier 1080-0-0
March 4⁹ to Mr Asa Tappet for a Blanket to John John 81-0-0
March 26⁹ to L^d Christopher Page for money advanced
to make up Samuel Conne's Note 430-0-0
April 2⁹ to David Titch for boarding & paying
the School Mistris for the year 1780-1780 of 190-0-0
12⁹ to L^d Christopher Page for Money advanced to
to hire a Continental Soldier 250-16-0
12⁹ to L^d Christopher Page for Money paid on Joshua's Note 600-0-0
12⁹ to L^d Christopher Page for Money paid on Joshua's Note 360-0-0
12⁹ to L^d Christopher Page for Money paid on Joshua's Note 300-0-0
12⁹ to L^d Christopher Page for Money paid on Joshua's Note 330-0-0

M^r James Wright Town Treasurer in the morning
 with the Selectmen on the Twelfth Day of March 1781
 Returned wth Several Persons following Indebted to the Town
 In w^{ch} Respective Sums Set a Gainst their Names Viz
 The Heirs of Matthew Loun Deceased by his Note ... 2-13-4
 Samuel Whitaker by his Note at hand ... 2-12-8
 David Page a Late Constable ... 0-14-10
 L^{ieut} Eleazer Davis for Edward Stephen & an old ... 0-13-1
 Capt of the said Edward ...
 M^r Oliver Bacon a Late Constable ... 110-0-10
 David Reed a Late Constable ... 88-3-0
 Jonas Gleason a Late Constable ... 24481-0-1
 Samuel Hartwell a Late Constable ... 19655-1-0
 Also M^r Jonas Gleason a Late Constable In specie ... 1-0-11
 & M^r Samuel Hartwell a Late Constable In specie ... 0-11-0
 The orders & Notes for w^{ch} a above Sums Were on
 the above D Day Transmitted unto Capt John Webber
 Town Treasurer the said Treasurer also Charged
 with the Sum of thirty six pounds ... 36-0-0
 the above said Sum being over paid to Cap^t Webber
 on his Note
 Capt John Webber Town Treasurer & Successor ordered
 to receive of Asa Tasset Constable the Sum of £ 3075-7-4
 & also of Thaddeus Davis Constable the Sum of £ 2390-12-6
 it being Committed unto them Respectively to Collect
 & ~~it being~~ a Grant of the Town for w^{ch} M^r Penniman
 Salery for the Year 1780/1
 Capt John Webber Town Treasurer or Successor ordered
 to receive of Asa Tasset Constable the Sum of £ 159 7-0-2
 & also of Thaddeus Davis Constable the Sum of £ 16 18-10
 the a above Sums being a Grant of the Town for
 the Purpos of Procuring Beef for the use of the
 Army a Greable by a Resolve of the General Court
 on the twenty second Day of June last & Committed
 unto them Respectively to Collect
 & also to receive of Asa Tasset Constable the Sum of £ 20-4-3
 and of Thaddeus Davis Constable the Sum of £ 16 15-9
 these Sums being over Run in w^{ch} Rate Tax Valued July 4th 1781
 Capt John Webber Town Treasurer or Successor ordered to receive of
 Asa Tasset Constable in hard Money the Sum of £ 20-14-10
 & also of Thaddeus Davis Constable in hard Money the Sum of £ 20-19-11
 the a above Sums being a Grant of the Town for the Purpos
 of Paying the Soldiers their bounties; or such Part thereof as
 they shall need before they March (Which Soldiers are Distinct
 to Rhode Island & West point)

Dr. Clerk To Capt John Webber Town Treasurer
March 12th 1782 To Capt Christopher Page for supplying the
26th to Mr Shaddlen Davis for money paid to Mr John Lane
for the Soldiers 840-0-0
May 4th to Mr Jonas Gleason for Ebery Harbors Rates - 175-12-6
May 4th 31 to Capt Christopher Page; for supplying the
Towns Quota of Beef - - - - - £ 154 89-0-0
Nov: 15 to Shaddlen Davis for money paid to Mr John Lane
to complete the Towns quota of Beef - - - - - £ 4-0-0
January 4th 3 1782 to Capt Christopher Page, for money
advanced to hire Soldiers in the year 1781 - - - - - £ 1-8-2
January 4th 3 1782 - to Mr Thomas Page for procuring Beef
for the Town - { 39-2-0-0
3th 1782 to Mr John Lane, for Beef, in the year 1781 - 21-8-0
3th 1782 to Mr John Lane, for Beef, in the year 1781 - 3-6-0
January 21st 1782, to Mr Jonas Brownman for boarding
William Pelham 12 Weeks & cutting wood } 10-12-5
April 4th 1 1782 to Mr Asa Pappett for a pair of Shoes to
John Pelham } 2-10-0
April 4th 1 1782 to Mr Shaddlen Davis Litch for keeping school
and also for boarding him self thirteen weeks at 6 pence } 10-0-0
August 29th 1782 to Mr Jonas Gleason for the Town Rates
Rates & duties in 1780 in paper money } 1-10-0
November 22nd to Mr Samuel Haskell for the school in the year 1781
two pounds - and for boarding and paying of the school mistress in 1782
one pound eleven shillings and for Wm Caldwell & Jonas Whitaker
Hall tax & abate one pound three pence two farthings } 11-2-0
to Mr Shaddlen Davis for being as Constable & for the school in 1781 - 1-10-0
June 4th 27th 1781 - Received of Capt John Webber Town Treasurer
The Sum of Twenty eight Thousand two hundred & Seventy Eight
Pounds; fifteen shillings & Eight pence - it being in Part of
the Sum - Committed to him - - - - - £ 28278:15-8
February 4th 18th 1782 - Received of Capt John
Webber Town Treasurer the Sum of three Thousand
one hundred & ten pounds, thirteen shillings & seven pence
in Paper money - { 3110:13:7-0
March 4th 1st 1782 Received of Capt John Webber Town Treasurer
the Sum of five pounds, ten shillings & one pence & three farthings in Paper
& also the Sum of one hundred & forty three pounds & seven shillings
and four pence in Paper - { 143:16:7-0
March 4th 1st 1782 Received of Capt John Webber Town
Treasurer the Sum of one Thousand three hundred & sixty
seven pounds seven shillings in Paper money being
in part of Taxes Committed to him - { 1367:7-0
February 17th 1783 Received of Capt John Webber Town Treasurer
the Sum of four thousand, three hundred & seventy seven pounds two
shillings & Eight pence - in Paper money - - - - - £ 4377-2-8
& also on the same Day the Sum of one Hundred & ninety one pound,
four shillings, & ten pence, two farthings, in hard Money } 191:4:10-0
March 4th 1st 1783 Received of Capt John Webber Town Treasurer the
Sum of one hundred & twenty one pound five shillings & one penny three
farthings in hard money - { 121:19:1-0

Orders to M^r Samuel Hartwell a Late Constable
 April 4th 1781 to M^r Jeremiah Blood for a part of his Note $\$68-0$
 for his Sons Service as a Soldier in 4th year 1780
 12 to Jeremiah Hitch for money advanced
 to hire a Continental Soldier $\$918-0$
 16 to Eliza John Reed for money advanced
 to hire a Continental Soldier $\$600-0$
 May 1st 1782 to Timothy Jones for Money Paid on
 Nathan Mayhew Note $\$480-0$
 16 to William Meriam for money paid $\$6$ hardly Note $\$150-0$
 October 4th 1781 to M^r Joshua Holt for giving home the
 Convention Troop in 1777 $\$75-0$
 to James Simonds; as Part of his Note for his Sons ^{a soldier} $\$313-1-3$
 to James Simonds; to take up his Note, this in hand $\$0-11-0$
 Feb. 9th 1782 to M^r Job Lane for his Rates abated
 in the year 1780 - by Reason of his being Wounded in the $\$231-0$
 March 4th 1782 to M^r Job Lane for his Rates abated
 in the year 1780 - by Reason of his being Wounded in the $\$64-12$
 April 8th 1782 to M^r Shaddis Fitch for his Service for keeping
 School in 4th year 1782 $\$186-18$

Orders to M^r Jonas Gleason a Late Constable
 to M^r Jonas Bowman Lane 26 1781 for boarding William
 Pelham $\$61-5-3$
 to Ebenezer Bowman; for finding William Pelham with
 Wood Six Weeks & Cutting two Cords at the Tower $\$23-0-0$
 February 4th 1782 to M^r Moses Abbott for his High Way
 Rates abated; that was committed to M^r Jonas Gleason $\$10-6-1$
 March 4th 1782 to M^r David Bacon for board to school $\$1-16-0$

Orders to Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer
 February 11th 1783 to M^r Samuel Hartwell for money paid to
 William Meriam on account of Joseph Meriam Note $\$42-0$
 February 10th to M^r Jonas Gleason for Gentlemen Lanes Rates $\$3-12-6$
 & for boarding and paying the School Mistress in 1782 $\$2-11-0$
 February 10th to M^r Asa Tappett for Gentlemen Lanes Rates $\$5-15-0$
 to M^r John Lane for Money Paid on Joshua Holt Note $\$73-8-0$
 Ebenezer Hartlys which Lane is in full for both Note $\$73-8-0$
 February 7th 1782 to William Meriam to
 take up a number of Note, he gave the balance
 in 1781 $\$470-0$

Committed unto Asa Tappet Constable, of a Town Rate £ 3075-7-4
 & also unto Thaddeus Davis Constable, of the same Rate - 2390-12-6
 Which Sums they are respectively to pay to the Town Treasurer

Committed unto Asa Tappet Constable, of the State Tax Dated July 1781
 the Sum of £ 320-4-3
 To pay to the State Treasurer the Sum of - 300-0-0
 to the Town Treasurer (Capt. Webber or Successor) 20-4-3

Committed unto Thaddeus Davis Constable of the a-bove D.
 State Tax the Sum of - £ 252-0-11-0
 To pay to the State Treasurer the Sum of - 235-5-2-0
 to the Town Treasurer, (Capt. Webber or Successor) - 16-15-9-0

Committed unto Asa Tappet Constable, of a beef Tax & Sum of 59-7-0-2
 & to Thaddeus Davis Constable the Sum of - - - - - 46-18-10-0
 Which Sums they are respectively to pay to the Town Treasurer

Committed unto Asa Tappet Constable of the Town Rate ^{made} to hire
 Soldiers; the Sum of £ 26-14-10-3
 & also to Thaddeus Davis Constable, the Sum of - 20-19-11-2
 Which Sums they are to pay to the Town Treasurer in the Year

Committed unto Asa Tappet a Constable of the State Rate
 Dated December 4th 1781 - the Sum of - £ 366-15-2-2
 to pay to the State Treasurer the Sum of - 357-10-0-0
 to the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his Successor - 9-5-2-2

also Committed unto Thaddeus Davis a Constable of the State
 Rate or Tax - the Sum of - £ 312-6-4-0
 to pay to the State Treasurer the Sum of - 310-0-0-0
 to the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his Successor - 2-6-4-0

Committed unto Asa Tappet a Constable, a Town Rate Dated December
 1781 which Rate includeth the several Grants of the Town that
 remain unpaid as will appear by this Book; the Sum of £ 183-7-7-1
 to pay to the County Treasurer the Sum of - 6-0-0-0
 to the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his Successor the Sum of 177-7-7-1

also Committed unto Thaddeus Davis a Constable of the same Rate 156-11-8-0
 to pay to the County Treasurer, the Sum of - 4-16-0-0
 to the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his Successor £ 151-15-8-0
 Committed unto W. Asa Tappet a Constable the Arrears
 of the high Way Rate Dated June 1781

the Sum of Ninety Nine pounds, in Paper - £ 99-8-4
 also to Thaddeus Davis a Constable of the Arrears - 41-10-0
 Which Sums they are respectively to pay to the
 Town Treasurer Capt. Webber or his Successor -

Orders To Asa Capet a Constable of the Town of Redford
 January 4th 1782 To Thomas Page, for procuring Beef
 for the Town in the year 1781 — — — — — £3-6-0
 January 4th 1782 - to Mr John Lane, for procuring Beef
 for the Town in the Year — — — — — } £ 0-0-0
 February 4th 1782. to Lieut Moses. Abbott for
 money advanced to hire Soldiers in 4th year, 1781 } 1-16-0
 March 4th 1782 to Capt. John Webber for his service
 as Treasurer for the Town in 1781 } 2-8-0
 March 4th 1782 to G. Rev. Mr Penniman for boarding
 the School Master & Missus Spalding in 1781 } 2-0-0
 March 4th 1782. to Mr Thomas Page for a Shunt to Pelham
 & two load of Wood — — — — — 0-15-0
 March 4th 1782 to Capt. Christ. Page for money paid on
 Jeremiah Croft's Note — — — — — } 2-16-4
 May 4th 1782 to Capt. Page, for his service as an assessor two days
 & for food and clothing to William Pelham in 1781 — — — — — 3-2-2
 March 4th 1782 to Mr Jonas Occason - for his service as Constable in 1781 } 1-10-0
 March 4th 1782 to Mr Samuel Lane for his service as assessor eleven days } 2-17-6
 April 4th 1782 to Mr Timothy Lane for Wood to G. School in 1782 — — — — — 1-8-0

Orders To Shaddens Jarvis a Constable of the Town of Redford
 February 4th 1782 to Lieut. Eleazer Lewis for Entertaining the
 Mr. Goodell eight weeks a 6/ per week & for transporting
 two load of Indian Corn, from Concord to Redford — — — — — £3-6-0
 February 4th 1782 - to Mr Joseph Martwell for Grain to
 Mr Penniman, in 1781 } 1-17-6
 March 4th 1782 - to Mr Samuel Martwell for his service as
 Constable & Collector in 4th year 1782 } 1-10-0
 March 4th 1782 to Lieut. Timothy Jones for money advanced
 to procure Beef for the use of the School in 1781 } 2-8-0
 March 4th 1782 - to Mr Jeremiah Estlin for his house
 expenses at 2-15-11
 March 4th 1782 to William Meriam for his service as an assessor 16 days
 & for his service as Town Clerk in the 1781/2 — — — — — 8-0-0
 March 4th 1782 to Lieut. Timothy Jones for his service two days as assessor — — — — — 0-10-0
 March 4th 1782 to Capt. Abijah Moore, for a Reduction in his taxes
 by reason of his being taxed for acres of land, which he had not — — — — — 0-11-7
 March 4th 1782 to Amos Smith for ringing the bell five months — — — — — 0-12-0
 March 4th 1782 to William Thomas Page for his service as an assessor
 eleven days & for six bushels of Corn to Mr Penniman and four
 Dollars to Dor Spalding — — — — — 8-8-6
 March 4th 1782 to Mr James Wright for the sum he over Ran in
 settling with G. Select men in 1781 — — — — — 1-3-4
 December 4th 1782 to Mr Samuel Meriam for board and
 school master a week & lab in 1781 — — — — — 0-17-8
 February 4th 1783 to Capt. John Moore for boarding & paying the
 School Master for twelve weeks service in 1782 — — — — — £ 5-2-0
 March 4th 1783 to Capt. Christ. Page for two Shunts to William Pelham — — — — — 0-18-0
 March 4th 1783 to David Bacon for Wood to the School in 1783 — — — — — 0-13-6
 August 4th 1783 To Mr. Sol Lane for one bushel and half
 of Indian Corn Lent to Joseph Penniman & 9/ per bush 0-13-6

Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer, or Successor ordered to Receive
 of M^r Asa Tappett a Constable of N. Town, the sum of £ 9-5-2-0
 & of M^r Shaddens Davis a Constable of N. Town, the sum of — 2-6-10-0
 the above sums, being over Run in the State Tax Rates, Dec^r
 30th Day 1783, and Committed to Each of them to Collect In Hard money
 Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer, or his Successor ordered to Receive of
 M^r Asa Tappett a Constable of N. Town of N. Town, the sum of \$ 77-7-1-1
 & of M^r Shaddens Davis a Constable of N. Town, the sum of — 151-15-8-0
 the above sums, being the several Grants of the Town of N. Town
 for Defraying the ordinary Charges of the Town, & also the Rema-
 ining Part of the Cost of hiring Soldiers the Summer Past, & is Committed
 unto Each of M^r above Constables, Respectively to Collect (Dated Dec^r 31st 1783)
 Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer or his Successor ordered
 to Receive of Asa Tappett a Constable the sum of
 Ninety Nine pounds 8/16 in Paper money — £ 99-8-4-0
 & of Shaddens Davis a Constable of N. Kate
 the sum of forty one pound ten shillings — £ 41-10-0-0
 the above sums being of the arrears of the High
 Way Rate Dated June 9th 1781-

1782 Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer or Successor ordered to
 Receive of Asa Tappett a Constable the sum of one hun-
 dred & forty pounds, three shillings, & eight pence, 3 farthings 140 3 8 3-
 and also of David Page a Constable the sum of one hundred
 & twenty four pounds, fourteen shillings, & three pence 124 14 3 0-
 the above sums being a Grant of the Town to Defray
 Town Charges, & Committed to them to Collect; Dated March 1st 1782
 May 1st 1783, Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer or Successor ordered to
 Receive of Asa Tappett a Constable — — — — — 3 14 1 0
 & of David Page a Constable the sum of — — — — — 3 14 1 0
 the above sums being over Run in the State Tax; Dated May 1st 1783
 Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer Charged with Gersham F. Lanes
 Note of hand Dated January the 29 Day 1783 — — — — — 99 0 0
 said Note is given for this Matter, which he hath Repletted to
 December 30th Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer or Successor
 ordered to Receive of M^r Asa Tappett a Constable the sum 99 2 0 2-
 & of M^r David Page a Constable the sum of — — — — — 88 1 11 3-
 the above sums contain the Grant of the Town for to
 Defray the ordinary Charges of N. Town for the Present year
 & also M^r Rev M^r Joseph Penniman Salary for the year 1782
 to be paid with the Arrears of the High Way Rates —
 January 1st 1783 Capt. John Webber Town Treasurer or Successor
 ordered to Receive of Asa Tappett a Constable the sum of 5 8 1 0
 and also of M^r David Page a Constable the sum of 1 12 1 0
 these sums being over Run in N. Town Continental Tax

Orders to Mr Asa Saffett a Constable of the Town of Pelham
 1782- March 4th 13 to Mr Jonas Bowman for boarding William ^{William} 1-17-0
 April 4th 13 to David Bacon for boarding Wm Pelham three weeks
 and also for two loads of ~~wood~~ & cutting the same ——— £1-7-8
 July 4th 8 to Capt. Chas. Page for one bushel & half of Indian
 Corn to Mr Penniman, & a Rope for the bell ——— £1-1-6
 August 4th 13 to David Bacon for two loads of ^{wood} & half
 of wood to the school in 1782-1-15-0
 Sept. 4th 16 to Capt John Webber for Paying the Schoolmistress
 for six weeks in the year 1781 ——— 1-7-0
 Sept. 4th 16 to Mr David Litch for Boarding said Schoolmistress 1-4-0
 Sept. 4th 16 to Mr Samuel Lane for Paying the Schoolmistress
 for six weeks in the year 1781 ——— 1-7-0
 Sept. 4th 16 to Mr Mathew Collard for Boarding Schoolmistress 1-4-0
 Sept. 4th 16 to Mr Jonas Bowman for Boarding Wm Pelham
 from the 13th Day of June to 4th 13 Day of Sept. 1782 & a Load ^{wood} 3-11-0
 October 4th 13 to David Bacon for a Load of wood to Pelham ——— 1-6-0
 December 20 to Mr Elijah Bacon for his services as a soldier in the year
 1777 and the balance of the same ——— 7-10-0
 December 4th 20 to Mr David Reed for Money paid to J. Pelham 2-12-0
 January 13th 1783 to Mr Jonas Bowman for boarding Wm Pelham
 from the 13th Day of September to 4th 13 Day of December — & cutting a load ^{of wood} 3-5-0
 January 13th to Capt. Page for two loads of wood to Pelham ——— 0-18-0
 March 4th 13 to Mr David Bacon for wood to the school in 1783 ——— 1-13-6
 3 to Mr Reuben Owen for mending the Church, & two shalvers ^{shavers} 5-11-0
 3 to Mr Samuel Lane for boarding & paying the Schoolmistress 2-11-0
 3 to Capt. Edwards for his services 5 days as an inspector ——— 1-0-0
 3 to Capt John Webber for his services as an inspector and for
 serving the town as Treasurer in 1782 ——— 6-10-16
 To Mr Thomas Page for Mr Jonas Bowman's account for boarding
 Wm Pelham ——— 1-1-0
 To Mr Jonas Bowman for boarding Wm Pelham ——— 1-16-0
 To Mr Jonas Bowman is settled with for boarding Wm Pelham
 to 4th 13 Day of March 1783
 October 4th 8th 1783 then settled with Abel Bowman for
 his father's boarding William Pelham twelve weeks
 from 4th 13 of March to 4th 5th Day of June 1783 5-2-0-0
 October 4th 8th 1783 Abel Bowman for boarding William Pelham
 4-4-0-0
 & To John Webber for son's found Jonas Bowman & 9th 10-0-0
 & then reckoned and settled with David Aligall Bowman
 for boarding William Pelham 14 weeks from 4th 5th day
 of June to 4th 12 Day of September 1783 ——— 7-16-0
 28 To John Webber for sum found William Pelham 8/3 8th 2-16-5
 For cash over paid when Treasurer £0-8-2-3 ——— }
 October 13 To James Somers for his wages ——— 45-15-9

Rate, for the year 1782

Committed of the Town Rate Dated March 11 1782
 To Mr. Ufa Bassett a Constable the sum of one hundred and
 forty pence, three shillings, & eight pence, three farthings 140 3 8 3
 & also to David Page a Constable the sum of one hundred and
 twenty four pounds, fourteen shillings, and three pence 244 14 3 0
 which sums they are Respectively to pay the Town Treasurer, Capt. Webber

Committed of the State Tax Dated May 8. 1782
 To Mr. Ufa Bassett a Constable the sum of ~ ~ ~ 245 14 0 0
 To pay to the State Treasurer the sum of ~ 241 10 0 0
 To pay to the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber the sum of ~ 3 14 1 0
 Also to Mr. David Page a Constable the sum of ~ ~ ~ 206 14 1 0
 To pay to the State Treasurer the sum of ~ ~ ~ 203 10 0 0
 To the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his ~ the sum of ~ 3 14 1 0

Committed of the Continental Tax Dated January 1. 1783
 To Mr. Ufa Bassett a Constable the sum of two hundred &
 thirty three pounds ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 233 0 0 0
 To pay to the State Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 229 14 1 0
 To the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his ~ ~ ~ 3 15 8 0

Also committed unto Mr. David Page of a Constable of the above
 Tax the sum of two hundred & twelve pounds 212 0 0 0
 To pay to the State Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 210 7 11 0
 To pay to the Town Treasurer Capt. Webber, or his ~ ~ ~ 1 12 1 0

Committed of the Town Rate Dated December 1. 30. 1782
 To Mr. Ufa Bassett a Constable the sum of one hundred pounds
 two shillings & two farthings ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 100 2 0 2
 To pay to the County Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 6 1 1 0
 Also to David Page a Constable the sum of Ninety two
 pounds seventeen shillings & eleven pence, three farthings 92 17 11 3
 To pay to the County Treasurer of the above sum 1 16 0 0

Rate for the year 1783
 Committed of a State Tax Dated June the
 12th 1783 to Thaddeus Dean the sum of ~ 265 2 10 2
 To pay to the State Treasurer the sum of ~ 262 3 4 0
 To pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of ~ 2 19 6 2
 Also to Job Lane Constable the sum of ~ 225 2 10 2
 To pay to the State Treasurer the sum of ~ 223 3 3 0
 To pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of ~ 2 12 2 2

1783 Town Rate for y^e year 1783
 Committed to Thaddeus Dean Constable a town
 Rate Dated December 4. 29th 1783 the sum of
 Sixty six pounds eleven shillings & four pence three farthings 66 11 4 2
 and also committed to Job Lane Constable
 the sum of Sixty five pounds six shillings eleven pence
 two farthings ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 65 6 11 2

County Tax To y^e Town of Bedford is £10-16-0
 Committed to Thaddeus Dean Constable of the
 County Tax ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 5 16 0 0
 Committed to Job Lane of the County Tax ~ ~ ~ 5 6 9 3
 Committed to Thaddeus Dean Constable of the Highway
 Tax ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 1 12 11 0

Order of Mr David Page Accountable 1782

To Mr Oliver Sheed for his service as a Soldier in the year 1777 and the Interest of the same

February 20th 1783 To Ensign John Lane for his service as a Soldier at Ticonderoga in the year 1776 a payable to 4th Regt of Mass 3th Co 82

March 4th 83 To Mr Joseph Hartwell for his service as a Soldier 2-6-0

3 To David Stephens for Ringing the bell & sweeping Meeting 1-6-0

3 To Jeremiah Fitch jun for Entertaining the Selectmen in 1782 1-15-0

3 To William Meriam for his service as Town Clerk 2-0-0

For ten feet of wood to William Pellham 0-15-0

and for Joseph Meriam Ringing the bell & Bells 0-11-0 2-19-0

3 To Mr Jonas Bowman for boarding William Pellham & for finding

him food ten weeks 42-2-0

3 To Mr Josiah Davis for board of Mr Goodell five weeks 1-6-0

May 27th 1783

To L. A. Cleary Davis for part pay of what the Town granted him for his money lent to the said Town at three several times 6-9-3

October 8th 1783 To William Page for Sundry

Goods Mr Jonas Brownson 0-9-0

October 27 To Stephen Hartwell for For Ebenezer

Fitch for his rates abated 19/4 and John

Putnam his rates abated 12/11 and Jacob

Rupel's rates abated 11/ an order of Mr

Jennamans

November 13 To William Meriam for Money paid on Sundry

Notes 0-18-0

December 12 To John Lane for account of the wid

Bowman's Boarding William Pellham 3-7-2

29 To Samuel Davis for Boarding and paying

the School mstrs 2-5-0

27 To William Meriam for Service as For a fur 3-0-0

27 To Thaddeus Fitch for Service as a fur and one 0-14-4

Load of wood to Pellham

December 1784

16 To Stephen Mudd for his son's Rates 1-5-11

January 7 To Josiah Squire for boarding the wid

Rupel 2-14-0

June 1784 Sold by the Selectmen 50th gone quarter of powder at one

whiting per pound 3/4 the money kept in the hands of John

Webster in order to replace said powder & the said men expended

out of the above sum 4/ the remainder in the hand of said

Webster for the above purposes

The above said Webster paid the above said Balance to William

Meriam for or measure & the said Josiah is charged

for the same

The Towns Boundaries were promulgated in April and (20
May by the persons hereafter named viz
May 4th 25 with Lincoln } Joseph Conover
1783 } Dea. Stephen Davis
April - with Concord } William Page
} J. P. Schum Moore
May with Lexington } John Webber
} Ebenezer Page
May with Billerica } Samuel Lane and
} Edward Stearns
Woburn with Bedford }
The Town boundaries were promulgated }
April 4th 27th 1786 } Dea. Timothy Jones } James Randall
with Concord } William Page } Asa Brooks
May 4th 8th 1786 } Joseph Conover } Dea. Wheeler
with Lincoln } John Webber } J. P. Schum Hartwell
June 4th 1786 with Lexington } John Meriam with } Nathan Reed
} John Webber } James Simonds
June 4th 5th 1786 with Woburn } John Webber } Dea. Saml. Reed
} J. P. Schum } J. P. Schum
June 4th 5th 1786 with Billerica } Samuel Lane and } Dea. John Parker
} J. P. Schum } Dea. Peter Hill
June 4th 1786 Billerica } J. P. Schum } Dea. John Parker
April 13th 1789 The Town boundaries } William Meriam } Jacob Brown
were promulgated with Concord } William Page } Asa Brooks
April 13th 1789 with Lincoln } William Meriam } Samuel Hoar
} William Page } Nathan Weston
October 20th 1789 with } John Webber } Jonathan Bowers
Billerica } Dea. William Meriam } J. P. Schum
Sept 14th with Lexington } John Webber } Meriam Reed
} James Wymann

The John Webber Late Town Treasurer, in Reckoning
 with the select men on the third Day of April 1783
 Returned the several persons hereafter named in Debt
 to the Town in the Respective Sums set against their
 Names, as followeth Viz.

the Ains of Matthew Raw: Decapio by his note	2-13-4-0	hand money
Samuel Whitaker by his Note	2-12-8-0	
Gershan Flag Lane by his note of hand	9-9-0-0	
David Page a Late Constable	0-4-11-2	
Leif Pleazer Davis for an old Coat of Edward Stevens	13-1-2	
Oliver Bacon a Late Constable in paper money	+	
David Reed a Late Constable	£ = 80 0 10	
	48 5 3	
Jonos Gleason a Late Constable	14-1-1-1	
Samuel Astwell a Late Constable	10-6-6-3	
Mr. Sacket a Late Constable	22 78-2-11-2	
Mr. Sacket in paper money	£ 169-14-8	
Shadocus Davis a Late Constable	42-3-0-0	
David Page a Late Constable	209-6-4-3	
John Webber over paid	13-0-0	
John Webber Returned paper money on		
The above mentioned Sums were on	£ 1032-9-6	
Said Day Transmitted unto Lt. William	£ 370-13-1-1	
Meriam Town Treasurer		
and y ^e said William Hands charged with y ^e same		
Lt. William Meriam ^{Treasurer} ordered to Receive of		
Shadocus Dean Constable the Sum of two		
pounds nineteen Shillings & Six pence two farthings	2 19 6 2	
and of Job Lane Constable two pounds 12/6	2 12 2 2	
Lt. William Meriam charged with Sum of two		
Notes of hand Dated October y ^e 13 th 1783	5-15-9-3	
Lt. William Meriam Town Treasurer charged with		
the same Note of hand Dated October		
1783 the 8 th 1783 for	£ 4-16-3-1	4 16 3 1
Lt. William Meriam Town Treasurer ordered to Receive		
1783 of Shadocus Dean Constable the Sum of Sixty Six pounds		
Eleven Shillings & Four pence two Farthings	66 11 4 2	
and of Job Lane y ^e the Sum of Fifty five pounds		
1783 Six Shillings Eleven pence & two Farthings	55-6-11-2	
William Meriam charged with a New Pmision		
Paught Teller Bill 100 for		
William Meriam Town Treasurer ordered to Receive of	18 4	
Shadocus Dean Constable the Sum of Six Shillings		
and also of Job Lane y ^e the Sum of one pound twelve Shillings	6 7 3	
and also the last Sums being y ^e arrears of high way	12 12 0	

1784
Left John Meriam vendue Master and gave the Receipt (22)
Sept^m 27 then Receipted Timothy Lane for the sum of 21-6-0
Oct^{ber} 4 then Receipted Stephen Hartwell for 20-2-0-0

Bedford February 28th 1797~

Mr. Elijah Stearns shewed to the Selectmen his Receipt in full for State, County and town taxes committed to him to collect for the year 1795~

Bedford January 4th 1798
Mr. Elijah Stearns shewed to the Selectmen his Receipt in full for State, County, and town taxes for the year 1796~

Bedford February 21th 1803~
Mr. John Webster shewed to the Selectmen

Bedford February 18th 1805 Mr. John Reed sh^d
shewed to the Selectmen his receipt in full for the year 1802 - for State, County and town taxes - and also for the State & County taxes for the year A.D. 1803 -

23) ¹⁷⁸³ Orders to L^{ieut}. William Meriam Town Treasurer
 October 3: 27 To David Page For services as constable 37-12-0
 27 To W^m. Asa Fasset For services as constable 6-10-0
 For two years viz 1781 & 1782 — — — — —
 27 To W^m. Asa Fasset For Tye Simonds Rates }
 & Simonds he giving a note for the same — } 4-16-3
 Novem^r
 13 To W^m. Thaddeus Davis For Job Lane's }
 Rates abated — — — — — } 0-11-3
 Dec^r 12 To y^e. wid Abigail Bowman for boarding? 4-18-8
 1784 William fullam
 February To Thaddeus Davis For y^e. wid Bethiah's parlor
 26 Rates abated — — — — — 1-3-4
 26 To Asa Fasset For Sonos Duren Rates }
 abated 1-4-4 and John Abate Rates } 1-15-3
 March abated & William Johnson highway Rates }
 abated seven pence for things — — — — —
 24 To Thaddeus Davis For Lamblood's Rates 2-3-6-9
 To Samuel Hartwell For Lamblood's Rates — — — — — 9-7-1
 To David Page For Lamblood's Rates — — — — — 1-18-1
 May 31 To John Hartwell For cash paid Marcy
 For Do^r. William fullam — — — — — 1-0-6-0
 Dec^r 13 To Sonos Gleason For bad money
 and Rates abated — — — — — +19-2-3
 13 To David Reed For Rates abated in old
 on upon money — — — — — 46-4-6-3
 March 1784 To David Page For 4 days in appraising & valuation 4-1-3-7-3+
 4 To John Webber For 26 days as a appraiser &
 valuation ad. 9-1/4 and for service as clerk 4-1/2
 That men's expenses at my house 4/9
 paid Benjamin Brown for leaving the office 1/6
 and 30 pence overpaid when treasurer as settled with
 the select men & y^e. present Treasurer
 4 To Asa Fasset For 10 pounds 10 shillings & 6 pence
 Returned in debt to William Meriam ^{more} than what
 he ought to have bin by John Webber a former treasurer as appears
 in a bill by the present treasurer and select men & for 8 two pence 16-11-8
 over charged in a list. Said John Webber accounted
 with the select men & Treasurer for the same by two pence
 an order on him to be called in & a view of Webber
 by one pound ten shillings

Nov. 17th 13th 1783

(24)

Town Treasurer

then received of Lt. William Meriam in order
and Notes the sum of one hundred and fifty eight
pounds ten shillings & six pence - - - £158-10-6
and paying Mr. Griffing for his board - - - 4-4-0

1784
February 26

Then received of Lt. William Meriam Town
Treasurer in Notes of hand the sum of Forty
Eight pounds ten shillings & eleven pence } 48-10-11
and also received on said Day in orders
the sum of Forty nine pounds three shillings
six pence two farthings - - - 49-13-6
By cash paid Samuel Griffing for keeping
School 1782 the sum of Eight pounds 2/- 8-2-0
and also received on said Day the sum
of Eight pound seven shillings & six pence 8-7-6

Sept^m 27 Received of Lt. William Meriam Town Treasurer
the sum of Seventy three pounds two shillings
& six pence - - - 73-2-6
and on said day received a Receipt of the
of the Rev. Joseph Donarman for his Salary
for the year 1783 - - - for the sum 66-13-4
of Sixty six pounds three shillings & six pence

Dec^m 13 Received of William Meriam a Receipt of Reuben
Duren for repairing the meeting house for - - - 98-15-4
1785 and in order the sum of thirteen pounds 15/10 - - - 13-15-10
August 29th Received of Lt. William in order - - - 45-19-2

25) Order to Thaddeus Dean Constable
 February
 1784 To Capt. Edward Mearns For preambulating £ + 0-3-4
 27 To John Wibley For services as Clerk 1-12-0
 & services as a preceptor 1-16-8 & looking up y^e towers + 4-4-10
 27 To Samuel Lane for services as an overseer & Clerk } + 2-0-8
 jing out the towers of Duty — — — }
 Sept 27 To James Lane for keeping y^e School
 and Boarding him self + 10-4-0
 27 To W^m Timothy Lane For two cords of
 wood to the School house + 1-4-0
 October 4. 2 To W^m Thomas page Discounted with Reuben
 Buren for repairing the Meeting house } + 2-2-0
 Dec^r 30 To Simon Parker for Rates abated — — — + 2-5-4
 January 1785 To Nathaniel page for paying
 20 — — — and Boarding y^e School Master } + 2-2-0
 February 12 1785 To Silas Fuller for Rates abated — — — + 1-3-8

Order to Job Lane Constable
 1784 To Capt. Edward Mearns For preambulating £ + 0-13-4
 February To Dea Stephen Davis For preambulating + 0-1-8
 27 To Ebenezer page For preambulating + 0-1-8
 27 To Joseph Conner For services as a preceptor
 & looking up y^e complaints } + 0-7-0
 27 To John Red Egg For finding Count as a Rep^y
 and to get the fine taken of y^e not finding a Rep^y } + 2-15-0
 27 To Jeremiah Fitch for & services as y^e Whet men + 1-19-5
 27 To William Caldwell For Ringing the bell & Singing + 1-19-0
 March 11 To John Miriam for Rates abated on money at interest + 0-2-1
 22 To William Miriam For 14 fud of wood for
 the School — — — + 1-1-0
 May 31 To William page For one pound 7/10
 For money to be paid by Left Abt at Claps to,
 the Six Claps & Justice Thiling For services as an app^ror + 2-2-10
 31 To Stephen Hartwell for ten fud of
 wood to y^e wid Hapitt + 0-15-0
 June 28 To Left. Ebenezer Davis For Boarding the wid
 Goodall turn by from weaker + 5-6-0
 28 To Left. John Miriam For wood to the
 School house + 0-6-4
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1784 Rates for the year 1784	
at a town Grant for Repairing the Meeting House	90-0-0
committed of the above sum to Moses Fitch =	
on 11th the sum of Forty nine pounds Four Shillings one penny	49-4-1
also committed unto John Hartwell Constable	
the sum of Forty one pound ten Shillings one penny two farthings	41-10-1-2
which sums they are respectively to pay the town Treasurer	
Attest Six Nov. 4 th Dated November the 9 th 1784	
for the sum of three Hundred Eleven pounds 10/-	311-10-0
committed of the above sum to Moses Fitch Constable	179-11-5-0
to pay to the State Treasurer one hundred & twenty five pounds	175-0-0-0
& to pay to the town Treasurer four pounds 11/-	4-11-5-0
and also committed of the above sum to John Hartwell	
Constable the sum of one hundred & forty one pound 5/-	141-5-5-1
to pay the State Treasurer one hundred & thirty six pounds 10/-	136-10-0-0
to pay y ^e Town Treasurer four pounds fifteen Shillings 5/-	4-15-5-1
overplus in Fitch's debt 4-11-5	
overplus in Hartwell's debt 4-15-5-1	
County Tax twelve pounds six Shillings	12-6-0-0
also committed of a Town & County Tax Dated	
November y ^e 29 th 1784 to Moses Fitch Constable	68-3-8-3
to pay to the County Treasurer six pounds sixteen Shillings	6-16-0-0
to pay y ^e Town Treasurer fifty one pounds 7/8	61-7-8-3
also committed of the above Town & County Tax	
to John Hartwell Constable	34-3-11-1
to pay y ^e County Treasurer five pounds 10/-	5-10-0-0
to pay y ^e Town Treasurer forty eight pounds 13/11-8	48-13-11-1
Rates for the year 1785 Town Grant	£ 80-0-0
Bedford's proportion of y ^e County Tax	£ 12-6-0
Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennaman's Salary	£ 66-13-4
the above sums was set to over Run	2-8-5-1
December 29 th 1785	
committed of y ^e above sum to Elihu Pennaman Constable the sum	
of twenty two pounds sixteen Shillings six pence three farthings	22-16-6-3
to pay to the County Treasurer six pounds	6-0-0-0
to pay the town Treasurer six pounds sixteen Shillings 6 3/4	66-16-6-3
also committed to Elijah Bacon Constable Eighty eight pounds 11/2	88-11-2-2
to pay to y ^e County Treasurer six pounds six Shillings	6-6-0-0
to pay to y ^e town Treasurer Eighty two pounds five Shillings two pence	82-5-2-2
to Elihu Pennaman five Shillings seven pence one farthing	0-5-7-1
to Elijah Bacon Eleven Shillings ten pence two farthings	0-11-10-2
the last sum is y ^e average of the high way	

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Town Treasurer charged in y^e year 1784

Left William Meriam charged with the following sums heav after named viz
1784 William Meriam Treasurer ordered to Demand & receive of
Moses Fitch Constable — — — the sum of Forty nine

pounds Seven Shillings one penny & one Farthing — — — — — 49-4-1
and of John Hartwell Constable — the sum of Forty one
pounds ten Shillings one penny two Farthings — — — — — 41-10-1-2

19 Left William Meriam Town Treasurer charged with
an order from y^e Mal. Treasurer for y^e Fine abated
the town for not sending a Representation in y^e
year 1782 for the sum of Eleven pounds — — — — — 11-0-0-0

April Left William Meriam Treasurer charged with
y^e 12 Cash borrowed of John Sprake for Mr. Buren — — — — — 30-0-0-0

Dec^r 13 William Meriam charged with several orders — — — — — 13-10-0-0

Left William Meriam Town Treasurer charged
with several sums committed to y^e Constables for
the year 1784, the following Kates are dated Nov^r
November 29th 1784

Left William Meriam Town Treasurer ordered to
Receive of Moses Fitch Constable the sum of sixty
one pound seven Shillings eight pence three Farthings — — — — — 61-7-8-3
and of John Hartwell Constable the sum of Forty
eight pounds thirteen Shillings & eleven pence — — — — — 48-13-11-1

The above sums being a Town Grant to Defray
The Town Charges Dated Nov^r 29th 1784

also to Receive of Moses Fitch Constable — — — — — 4-11-5-0
and of John Hartwell Constable — — — — — 4-15-5-1

The sums being over plus in y^e Mal. Tax
Dated November y^e 29th 1784 — — — — —

also to Receive of John Hartwell Constable — — — — — 7-5-3
of his Last sum is the arrears of y^e highway —

Orders to Samuel Lane for Town Treasurer		28			
1785					
June 7	To Wm. Fitch for services as constable	+2	8	0	04
August 29	To Wm. Fitch for money paid for the found galing from the town took the ^{map} back for 4 th of the singers	+3	18	0	04
Sept 21	To S. Lane for his services as a constable	+3	12	0	04
21	To Shaddock Dean for his services as a constable	+3	12	0	0
21	To John Hartwell for his services as a constable	+2	8	0	04
23	To Shaddock Dean for Rufus Spalding Rates abated	+7	18	11	04
	& Josiah Blood: abated 1-18-11				
23	To Samuel Hartwell for Rates abated Josiah Blood 4/2 Simon Rogers 4/8 wid. Morley 17/4-2	+1	6	2	24
23	To A. J. Fitch for Rates abated Joseph Hill 3/4-2				
	A. C. Wheelin 16/8 Timothy Blonshard 2/9 Samuel Wyrick	+3	13	5	3
	Long Richard for 1/9 three parishes				
1786	Thompson Bacon 2-9-10-2				
January 10th	To John Webster for three journeys to Cambridge	+2	2	0	04
	& 6/18 for two journeys to Springfield & 6/12 and for twelve shillings to pay Jeremiah Key for				
	Boarding the wid. good oil				
10	To A. J. Fitch for Samerwell for Rates abated	+8	14	6	24
	26-4-10-2 and John Whit's Rates abated 2-7-8-				
February 17	To Wm. Fitch for paying the Maynard 23/6	+1	16	7	8
	and for 13/11 omitted in settling a map on account of def.				
May 29	Charge David W. on things				
	To David Fitch for Soderwheel Rates abated	+0	5	11	1
October 16	To Capt. Edward Shames for the pound rate	+3	15	0	0
January 7	To John Fitch for boarding 4 th wid. good oil up to 1/10 1786	+3	18	2	1
8	To S. Lane for Edward Hunt's Rates & Walter Snow & Cross for		19	5	0
	Discounted on account of what the town owed. Hunt for the support of 4 th wid. Fitch in part				
May	To S. Lane for boarding Samerwells & 12 per week which is in full	+1	0	1	0
	for 12 weeks		18	0	0
June 18	To Samuel Ball for two cords of wood to wid. Fitch & 9/10 per cord	+1	4	0	0
August 22	To David Fitch for paying the school Wages				
Sept 7	To Elijah Bacon for services as constable in 1785	+1	16	0	0
7	To John Hartwell for his account of Taxes of Hunt and	+1	13	6	0
	others to the support of 4 th wid. Fitch				
October 29	To S. Fitch for abated bill bought of Wm. Manan. map	+1	9	2	
29	To Elijah Fuller for 4 months keeping school and 8 days & 36/	+7	16	0	
1788	To Shaddock Dean for Sonos turn rates abated 17/3 & 1/3 for 12/2	+1	16	3	
January 7	To Joseph Meriam on Rates abated		17	0	
22	To Solomon Lane for boarding Samerwells in full	+1	17	0	
22	To Oliver Kead for support and carrying ^{apoor family} to Cambridge	+1	4	0	
March 3	To S. Lane for boarding the school Wages and wood in part	+0	7	3	
April 7	To Eliphine Laman for his services as constable	+1	16	0	
June 24	To John Webster in part for services Samerwells 17/6	+0	17	9	
Sept 1	To Eliphine Laman for paying the school in 1787	+1	11	0	
Oct 6	To Jonathan Lane for Jeremiah Wynn's Rates abated 3/12 and				
	the town highway Rate abated 2/8-4 - Can't be page 38				

29) To L. Lane & Co. for
 October 1784 } To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood 40 - 8 - 0 +
 7th 1784 } Goodail two weeks
 Dec. 13 To L. Lane & Co. for keeping the
 woman school & bonding — — — + 2 - 2 - 0 - 0
 13 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding &
 paying of school master 42
 and for bonding of wood Goodail 4 weeks
 February 18th 1785 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood
 31 per week — — — + 2 - 14 - 0 +
 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding the school master
 42 and for bonding the
 wood Goodail two weeks — — — + 2 - 8 - 0 +
 18 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood
 Goodail two days — — — + 0 - 6 - 0 +
 March 4 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood 19 10 3 +
 4 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood 39/6
 To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood 39/3 + 5 - 5 - 9 +
 August To L. Lane & Co. for bonding of wood 12 8 2
 29 To L. Lane & Co. for overpaying of wood 3

Jonas Gleason brought a Receipt from the State Treasurer 30th
dated or liberty 6th 1781 in full for Gold & Silver Tax
com. mitted to him to collect in the year 1780 signed by
Henry Gardner Treasurer
October 24 1780 and also another Receipt in full
for taxes committed to him to collect for the year
1780 first Tax signed by Henry Gardner Treas.
February 30 1781 and also another Receipt in full
for taxes committed to him to collect for the year 1780
2^d Currency Tax signed by Henry Gardner Treas.
a copy of the County Treasurer, March 4th 1781
Recd of Mr. Jonas Gleason three hundred pounds in full
of the County Tax committed to him to collect
A copy of the Town Treasurers Receipt to Jonas Gleason
Recd of Mr. Jonas Gleason a bill for the sum of
one pound ten shillings it being in full of taxes committed
to him to collect signed William Merriam Town Treasurer
attest John Webber Town Clerk

November 21st 1785 Shadour Davis a State constable then showed
to the select men his Receipt in full for State town
and County Taxes committed to them to collect
in full for the year 1781

Attest John Webber Town Clerk
February the 8th 1790 John Webber constable for the year 1789
then showed his receipt in full for State town and

February 14th 1791 Lieut David Reed brought and showed unto
the select men his receipt in full for taxes committed to
him to collect viz for continental tax State tax town & county
taxes for the year 1779

28 Jonathan Lane brought & showed unto the select men
his receipt in full for State town & county taxes committed
to him to collect

28 M^r Fitch brought and showed unto the select men his receipt
in full for State & town & county taxes committed to him
to collect 1784

Dec^r 10 Oliver Reed shod his receipts for town & county taxes com-
mitted to him to collect in full John Webber Clerk
1794
January 6 M^r Fitch shod his receipt for town & State in full for 1791
(carried to the next page)

3) The change of the support of the floor and when the order were
giving out.

To Josiah Davis for boarding the wid April 17 weeks at 5/ per week

William Musiam Constable for y^e year 1773

4 15 0

Shod to the selectmen his receipts for State & county and
town taxes in full for each of them

John Webber shod the receipts for Timothy Johnson jr Constable
for the year 1776 in full for State county & town taxes committed
to him

Capt John Webber Collector for the town for the year
1793 Shod to the selectmen his receipts for State and County
and town taxes in full for each of them

February 22 1796 Mr. Thompson Beacon Constable for the
town of Bedford in the year 1792 shod to the selectmen his receipts
in full for State tax, and County, and town taxes for y^e year

1785	Ordered to John Fitch for stable	1785	L S - 17
February 18	To Samuel Lane for paying the school		
March 4	To Samuel Lane for 42/	+2	2 0 0
August 29	To Samuel Lane for 12 venture days & half as a apoor & taking of valuation	+3	3 8 +
Sept 19	To Samuel Lane for keeping the school 10-4-0 & twelve shillings for relinquishing his part of the centipew in the front gallery	+10	16 0 +
23	To Timothy Lane for 12 cord & two feet of wood at the school house 12/	+2	11 0 +
23	To Israel Putnam for his Rate abated	x0	16 1 0
27	To Samuel Lane for paying the school mstrs	x1	19 0 0
February 6	To Oliver Bacon for two year proportion of woman school	x1	8 0 0
July 17	To John Webb for services as an apoor and clerk in part	+1	13 1 0
1787	To William Maxwell Rates abated for 1/2 year 1784	+0	16 1 0
19	To Thaddeus Dean for work for school 18/8 & boarding the school mstrs 24/	x2	2 0 0
1788	To David Bacon for work at the pound in part	+1	10 0 0
Sept 21	To Aaron Smith for boarding the wid Goodail 11 weeks @ 2/8 and 6/ for work at the pound & 6/ for a town with gravel lime in full for the above sum	x0	10 11 3

1785	Ordered to John Hartwell for stable		
March 4	To William Muram for services as treasurer 4/ & Rates abated Samuel Webb 1/6 wid porting 1/9 & 2/5	+2	11 8 3
4	To William Page for 14 days as apoor & taking of valuation	+2	11 4 0
4	To Joseph Conners for 12 venture days apoor & valuation	x1	5 8 +
July 7	To Lioriah Davis for boarding y. wid	+2	1 0 0
Sept 21	To John Keady for Relinquishing his wright in a part of the money he paid for services when vendid	+1	4 0 0
21	To John Webb for paying and boarding y. school mstrs	x1	19 0 0
21	To Eliaz Davis for paying the school mstrs	+1	19 0 0
1786	To Nathaniel Muram for boarding y. wid Goodail	x1	8 2 0
10	To L. H. Eliaz Davis for two bushell of grain	x0	9 0 0
January 8	To James Lane for four day at painting the meeting house	+0	10 0 0

33 Orders on Samuel Lane Town Treasurer Brought from page
 1788 Jan 18 To David Bacon in full for work at the pound the order is dated Feb 1-0-0-0
 on a note in the Treasurers hand against D. Bacon
 1789 February 6th To John Redgun for boarding the wid Goodail 17 weeks @ 3/4 + 3-3-4-0
 10 To Jonathan Lane for his pay as constable — — — + 2-17-0-0
 16 To William Meriam for Rates abated of Joseph Mads — — — X 0 = 13-5-0
 March 4th 6th 1789 Orders to William Meriam Town Treasurer
 To Reuben Duren for his Rates born on Elijah Bacon List — — — X 0-12-4-0
 6 To Moser Abbot for boarding w. wid Goodail from the
 25th day of Sept to the 1st day of March 1789 in full — — — + 2-17-6-0
 Sept 3 To John Webster for cash paid Abijah cutter — — — + 1-6-11
 18 To Jonathan Lane for abatement of John Wheeler } 1-5-8
 Rate 1st
 18 To Jonathan Lane for abatement of Thomas Dutton } 20-11-2
 Rates 6/11 David Wheeler 17 1/2 Ephraim Startwell 1/8
 October and one 1/8 attending a poor Family — — —
 8 9 To Amittail Bacon for plank to Repair y. Bridge 11/ — — — } + 0-17-0-0
 and six shilings overpaying his husband List — — —
 February 26th 1790 To James Jones for boarding the wid Mary Tappet
 from the 17 day of November 1788 to the 6 day
 of April 1789 nineteen weeks @ three shilings per week
 58/6 and from the 6th day of April 1789 weeks at
 2/6 per week 12/6 — — — } + 3-11-10-0
 June 21 To Moser Abbot for boarding the wid Goodail } 2-5-4
 nineteen weeks @ 2/8 per week in full — — —
 21 To Moser Fitch for boarding w. wid Goodail six weeks } + 1-2-0
 @ 2/8 per week in full 12/6 20th of May 1789
 and 6 shilings for a pair of shoes — — —
 November 22 To Moser Abbot for his service as constable } 2-4-4-0
 & collection in the year 1788 — — —
 June 6th To Moser Fitch in part for paying Isaac Lane
 for keeping school — — — + 6-10-0
 13 To Stephen Startwell for his high way Rates
 abated in Samuel Davis List in the year 1788 — — — } + 3-7-3
 February 7th 1791
 To David Page for Ebenezer Johnsons continental
 rate abated 19/13 Town & County 5/8 + — — — + 4-9-0
 7 To Jonathan Lane for Mr. John Lane for
 boarding the wid Goodail in full — — — 1-4-0-0
 28 To Jonathan Lane for master Hollan rate abated + 0-10-8-0
 28 To Moser Fitch for the abatement of James & John
 Wheeler 12/10 1/2 & Reuben Wheeler 16/8 Silas Fitch 5/5 1/2 } + 1-14-5-0
 year 1784 — — —

<p> <i>Left</i> William Meriam a Late Town Treasurer in Rekening with the <i>Debt</i> Men on the twenty Ninth Day of August 1785 Returned the several persons bear after in Debt to the Town in the respective Sums set against their Names viz — </p>		£	s	d
The Hird of Matthew Laws Note of hand —		2	13	4 0
Samuel Whitaker Note of hand —		2	12	8 0
Joseph Haggdane by his Note of hand —		2	9	0 0
Elyse Timonds by his Note of hand —		4	16	3 1
James Timonds by his Note of hand —		5	15	9 3
Ezra Blood by his Note of hand —		4	18	1 5
Samuel Hartwell a Late Constable —		2	7	7 2
Thaddeus Davis a Late Constable —		2	19	0 3
<p> <i>Asa</i> Trappett a Late Constable the Sum of <i>Asa</i> Trappett in paper money the Sum of £169 = 14-8 </p>		101	14	1 0
David Page a Late Constable the Sum of —		47	4	1 2
Thaddeus Dean a Late Constable the Sum of —		44	8	4 3
Job Lane Junr a Late Constable the Sum of —		28	8	10 4
Moses Fitch a Late Constable the Sum of —		86	3	8 4
John Hartwell a Late Constable the Sum of £ —		70	2	1 1
<p> William Meriam Returned on hand in paper money 1032-9s <i>These</i> paper money brought Down in hard money viz — </p>		414	3	2 1
<p> The Notes and Return of the several Constables For the above Mentioned Sums were on said Day Transmitted unto Mr Samuel Lane Junr Town Treasurer — The said Treasurer also Charged for Four Receipts of Mr Joseph Pennaman Transmitted viz No 1 for Three pounds: 12/ No 2 for one pound 12/ No 3 for one pound 11/1 No 4 for Thirteen pound 14/ — </p>		20	9	1 0
<p> And also Charged with a Stat order for the abatement of the said fine Samuel Lane Junr Town Treasurer Charged with pew money from David Page for his pew also Charged with pew money from J^{ts} Chris Page for the East pew in the back front gallery next to the women's Stairs — </p>		11	0	0 0
<p> Samuel Lane Junr Town Treasurer Charged with pew money from David Page for his pew also Charged with pew money from J^{ts} Chris Page for the East pew in the back front gallery next to the women's Stairs — </p>		4	11	6 0
<p> December 4th 1785 Samuel Lane Junr Town Treas^r ordered to Receive of Elisha Pennaman ^{Constable} 14th 14 pound 16th 8 farthings also to Receive of Elijah Bacon Constable Eighty two pounds 5th 2th also to Receive of Elisha Pennaman Constable and of Elijah Bacon Constable the said Sum of an amager of the highway Samuel Lane Treasurer Charged with two Notes of hand from David Bacon for 5-17-6 Dated February 27th 1786 </p>		66	16	6 3
<p> For the entrance in the back front gallery 1786 Dec^r 4th 29th Samuel Lane Town Treasurer ordered to Receive of Jonathan Lane Constable the Sum of one hundred & twenty two pounds: 10 pence Thirteen two farthings — </p>		82	5	2 4
<p> Samuel Lane Junr Treasurer ordered to Receive of Jonathan Lane Constable the amager of the highway: — Ten Thirteen 10 pence the remainder of the charge came to Page 39 </p>		5	7	6 0
<p> 1786 June 9th you are ordered to Receive of Jonathan Lane the Sum of Four pound 12-8-2 over run in State Lat. No 5 came to page 39 </p>		172	16	0 2
		10	10	3

1786. Order to Mr. Chulupunnaman for stable
January 27th To Severn at Fitching for the select mens Expenses 2/3 } £ 5 4 9
and for Ringing the Bell & Sweeping y. meeting house 2/4 } - 1 3 0
27 To Mr. John William for murr as a seepor } - 17 6 0
March 3 To Nathaniel Meriam for Bording y. wid goodail } + 3 1 9 3
July 4 To James Lane for three months keeping school } + 3 18 0 40
1787 a pair week
January 2th To John Reed & Co for Bording Master cutler one month 2/4 }
For Limbu for the Bidge 7th Bording Lr. whit and other } (2 4 6 7
workman and Kipper 1/6 & 3 dinner 1/6 } 1 12 3 3
8th To John Spake for Bording there goodail in part 1/6 & 1/4 }
8 To Corph for wood 2/1 Bording school master 2/4 }
preambleting Lincoln line 1/4 for Bording and paying y. mstrs 3/6 } 4 2 4 +
To Lieut. Thos. Davis for Bording y. wid goodail from the 15 of March } + 1 18 16 0
1786 To the last day of May 1786 a pair week 11 weeks }
1787 8 To Thaddeus Little for Thursday at painting y. meeting house } 5 5 8 +
February 28 To John Reed for Bording men who painting y. meeting house } + 0 7 6
March 2 To Lieut. Thos. Davis for Bording the wid goodail a pair week } + 0 17 2 +
9 To Capt. John Moor for Bording & paying the school mstrs 3/6 & } + 2 14 0 0
1787 both for painting the meeting house 1/8 } + 3 0 0
May 29 To Lieut. Reed for board to paint the meeting house }
1786 Septem^r 15 Several on bars for the committee gave
to Eleazer Davis & others for money to paint the meeting house } 10 9 6
on Chulupunnaman for stable }
1786 Order to Mr. Elijah Bacon for stable
February 27 To Mr. Maynard paying Aleazar paid for keeping school } 2 6
27 To Severn at Fitching for murr as a seepor 9 day 3/6 and }
Severn as a seepor 27/8 mending y. bell & and taking mending house } 3 2 9 +
27 To John Webber for Severn as a seepor & fluk } 4 1 9 11
27 To Thomas Page for paying & Bording y. school mstrs } + 1 19 0 0
July 4 To James Lane for keeping the school in y. 1786 } + 5 2 0 0
two months. Paid Lane Bording him 1/4 one month
10 To Timothy Lane for 10 feet wood to wid Sept 16/8 } + 1 6 1 +
9 feet to the north west school 10/14 }
October 12 To David Reed for paying the school master for } 2 2 0 0
one month schooling in the town school house } + 0 4 1 0
January 28 To David Page for Discount of Edward Finch Rates } + 0 6 3 0
February 28 To John Webber for work at painting the meeting house } + 0 6 0 0
To John Webber for work at painting the meeting house } + 0 4 6 0
March 2th To Lieut. Thos. Davis for Bording the wid goodail a pair week } + 0 12 0 0
6 To Capt. John Moor for wood at the school house } + 0 6 0 0
19 To Thomas Page for preambleting Lr. 1/4 and 1/4 } 2 4 11 0 0
Thilings for paying Keulen Smith for Bording a few Relinquist }
March 2 To John Webber for part pay for the part of a seepor family } + 11 9 0
at his house }
2 To Nathaniel for wood at the schoolhouse y. Bording school mstrs 1/8 } + 1 10 0 0
his last to webber & David }
March 18 To Samuel Lane for Bording & paying the school mstrs } + 1 16 0 0
To Solomon Lane for Bording James ingler 8 weeks 2/4 of 6 } + 3 10 2 4
12 To Thad. Dean for work at the school 12/10 to 12/11 } 1 16 10
1788 Blamford class set 10/1 for the school mstrs 1/4 }
To James Reed for the set the proposition of the school } 24 0

December the 5 th 1785 then Received of Mr Samuel Lane 2nd Treasurer of the town of Bedford the sum of two pounds Eighteen Shillings and four pence in cash to pay Court Charges for a presentment for not keeping school as the Law requires		£	2	18	4
1786 February 17 th	the Samuel Lane Treasurer of Bedford Returned into the select Men in order & Notes one hundred & twenty nine pounds Eleven Shillings Six pence one Farthing	179	11	6	1
also on said day Received of Mr Samuel Lane Treasurer a Receipt of the Recd. Mr Joseph Penniman for his Salary to May y. 22 th 1784.		66	13	4	0
August 11 th	Samuel Lane Treasurer of Bedford Returned into the select Men in order & bills by nine pounds 18/11 and also on said day allowed said Treasurer Twenty one pounds seven Shillings & Eleven pence paid on a Receipt Recd. Note of hand dated March y. 1 st 1782	29	18	1	0
1787 Septm 24 th	Received of Mr Samuel Lane 2nd Treasurer of the Town of Bedford a note of hand to Joseph Hartwell & one to the wid. Lydia Brooks, together with a number of or ders in part to the amount of Eighty seven pounds Five Shillings & nine pence	87	5	9	0
February 10 th 1789	Received of Samuel Lane Treasurer in order and a small Note of hand amounting Eighty Five pounds Seventeen Shillings & nine pence in part on said day received a receipt of said Treasurer a receipt from the Recd. Mr Joseph Penniman for his Salary in the year 1785 for Sixty six pounds 13/4	85	17	9	0
	Also Received of said Treasurer in order & Notes by 26/11 1/4	26	1	1	1
1789 Nov 23 rd	Samuel Lane Town Treasurer credited for Exp of money he in page 39	1	19	0	0
	Paid on a cutler order for keeping y. school	1	9	8	0
	Samuel Lane Late Town Treasurer credited for cash paid to Mr John Whit for painting the meeting house	20	15	0	0
	also for an town order for cash paid to the soldiers of the 10 th Worcester	0	12	0	0
	also for cash paid for a bell Rope	7	6	0	0

37)	Rates for the year 1786		
	Bedford proportion of the State Tax		
	Dated the 29 day of June 1786	£	610-5-00
	Committed to Jonathan Lane Constable the		
	above sum to pay of State Treasurer viz Six hundred		610-5-00
	and ten pounds & 2/3		
	and also committed to y ^e said Jonathan Lane Constable		
	the over plus in his list that over Run the State Tax		
	the sum four pounds five shillings eight pence two farthings	£	4-12-82
	to pay to y ^e Town Treasurer		
	Sum total of the list committed to y ^e above said Lane	£	614-17-82
Also	Committed to Jonathan Lane a Constable a Town Rate		
	including y ^e Rev ^d Mr Joseph Penniman's salary		
	Dated Decem ^r the 29 th 1786 the sum of one hundred		172-16-02
	twenty two pounds sixteen shillings two farthings		unpolated
	the above Town Rate over Run 4-18-10-2 and Mr Penniman's		6-11-0
	Rate over Run 1-3-10-1 which comes are included in the Charge		
Also	Committed to the said Jonathan Lane Constable the average		
	of the highway the sum of ten shillings & ten pence two farthings		10-10-2
	Rates for the year 1787 Bedford proportion of y ^e County Tax		12-13-2
	Town Grant for the ordinary Charges then of		70-0-0
	Rev ^d Mr Joseph Penniman's salary		66-13-4
	Dated Decem ^r the 29 th 1787		142-6-6
	Committed to John Reed y ^e a Town Rate including the town		50-8-7
	and County Tax Fifty pounds eight shillings & seven pence		
	to pay to the County Treasurer Six pound thirteen shillings two pence		6-13-2
	to pay to the Town Treasurer Forty three pound 15/5		43-15-5
Sum 29 th 1787	Committed to John Reed Rev ^d Mr Penniman's salary		38-9-12-3
	the sum of thirty eight pounds 9/10 & 2/3 Sum total committed to		
Sum 29 th 1787	John Reed y ^e £ 88-18-3		
	Committed to Oliver Reed y ^e Constable Town & County Tax		
	viz Forty pound seven shillings & three pence		40-19-3
	to pay the County Treasurer Six pound		6-0-0
	to pay the Town Treasurer thirty four pounds 19/3		34-19-3
Sum 29 th 1787	Committed to Oliver Reed y ^e Rev ^d Mr Joseph Penniman's		
	salary thirty pounds thirteen shillings ten pence two farthings		30-13-10-2
	Sum total committed to Oliver Reed		74-13-1-2
	Tax over Run in the Town Rates £ 8-14-8		
	Mr Penniman's over Run 2-10-5-2		
	Committed to John Reed y ^e a Constable the average of the highways		0-14-3-0
	Committed to Oliver Reed y ^e a Constable y ^e average of highways		14-11-0

1787 Orders to Nathaniel Lane Constable
 March 2nd To William Page for work at handling the meeting house $\text{£} 8-8-0$
 To Lieut. Eliazur Davis in full for boarding the wid Goodail $+ 12-9-0$
 To Mr Samuel Lane for opening sinking in rope & maintaining $+ 19-8-0$
 To Solomon Fitch for keeping the bell & sweeping the
 meeting house. Next week. Apr 28/7 off in keeping $+ 3-3-9$
 men their expenses — 1/7
 & half for use in painting the meeting house
 2 To John Webber 24/5 as clerk 34/6 for opening & maintaining
 weekly 22/3 in part pay for support of a poor family $\text{£} 2-2-0$
 April 23 To John Fitch for boarding wid Goodail 13 weeks & two days $+ 2-7-6$
 a 2/8 per week
 May 14 To Ebenezer for boarding Samu'ls in part pay a 12/ per week $+ 1-13-0$
 July 30 To Dr Isaac Davis for the Doctoring Samu'ls on account $+ 0-17-0$
 of the commonwealth
 30 To Lt Edward Adams for cash advanced for the Soldier $+ 0-12-0$
 30 To Dr James Wright for cash advanced to the Soldier $+ 0-8-0$
 August To Horn page one bushel Rye twice. For 4/ per week $+ 0-9-4$
 31 Three Shilings County to the Soldier 3/ — — — —
 To Thaddeus Fitch for keeping the school 18 days & half $+ 1-6-0$
 Sept^r 14 To Horn page for cash advanced for the Soldier $+ 0-12-0$
 14 To Ephraim Pennaman for boarding the school master 24/ $+ 2-4-0$
 & wood 20/ — — — —
 24 To Eliazur Davis for boarding y^e wid Goodail 4 weeks
 a 3/6 & boarding the school as the 4 weeks a 3/6 $+ 2-5-0$
 & one cord of wood a 9/ — — — —
 October 22 To Thaddeus Davis for boarding Thomas Wolley
 in part a 6/ per week $+ 1-14-9$
 Dec^r 30 To Solomon Lane for boarding Samu'ls a 3/6 per week in part $+ 3-15-3$
 and the school $+ 1-14-9$
 12 To David Fitch for boarding the School Master a 3/6 per week $+ 3-0-0$
 4 weeks and three Shilings back pay to the School Master $+ 0-16-6$
 12 To Thaddeus Fitch for three weeks Board a 3/6 per week $+ 0-16-6$
 12 To Lt Major Abbot for 2 cord & half of wood a 9/ & boarding the school
 Master 4 weeks a 3/6 per week $+ 2-4-6$
 19 To James Lane for keeping school one month 36/ work at half pay $+ 1-17-2$
 19 To Major Abbot Gen for boarding wid Goodail 19 weeks a 2/8 per week $+ 2-14-10$
 28 To Solomon Pennaman for one cord of wood at the school house 3/ to work at the
 meeting house & board 8/ per week maintaining in school 1/4 $+ 1-10-4$
 money advanced for the Soldier 12/ — — — —
 1788 January To David Page for 38 to be a 3/ per and three shilings money advanced $+ 11-3-0$
 February To Nathaniel Meriam for ten days boarding y^e wid Goodail $+ 9-9-0$
 12 a 4/6 per week 6/9 & transporting her from Boston 3/ — — — —
 22 To Eliazur Davis for boarding Thomas Wolley nine days a 3/ per day $+ 1-7-0$
 and boarding the school master 4 weeks a 3/6 per week 12/ — — — —
 March 2 To John Keady for boarding the school master 8 weeks a 3/6
 and fuel of wood a 9/ per week in part the remainder an order
 on the treasury $+ 1-12-0$
 March 4 To John Keady for 12/ as the Soldier's fund 14/6 for off paying the bell 7/ per week $+ 2-12-0$
 April 7 To John Pennaman for interest on his note of 4 and
 To Ephraim Pennaman for overpaying as a constable $+ 1-9-11$
 To Ephraim Pennaman overpaying as a constable 13/4 one and a penny
 on account of Edward's support of wid Goodail $+ 1-9-11$

29th Jan 77 Samuel Lane Town Treasurer (charged
 brought 34 You are ordered to receive of John Reed and Constable
 a town Rate Date Dec^r 29th 1787 Forty three pound 15/4
 29th Jan 77 all to receive of John Reed and the Rev^d Mr Joseph Penniman
 the sum of thirty eight pound 9/10 3
 29th Jan 77 all to receive of Oliver Reed and a Constable a town Rate
 the sum of thirty four pound nine shillings and six pence
 and all to receive of Oliver Reed and the Rev^d Mr Penniman Salary
 the sum thirty pound thirteen shillings ten pence two farthings
 and all to receive of John Reed and the surveyor of highways
 and all to receive of Oliver Reed and the surveyor of highways
 Mark Samuel Lane Town Treasurer (charged with cash received
 30th of the soldiers that went with General Lincoln 1/2 each 89
 paid 81/ and 24/ of Schmeibler
 Decem^r 29th 1788 Samuel Lane Town Treasurer you are ordered to receive of
 James Jones a Constable the sum of thirty one pound 1/4
 All to receive of Moses Abbot and a Constable the sum of
 twenty seven pound nineteen shillings nine pence 2/4
 the surveyor of the highways are included in the above sum
 Samuel Lane and Treasurer charged with a note of hand signed by
 John Fuller for the sum of one pound 14/ dated February 7th 1788
 Decem^r 29th 1788 Samuel Lane Town Treasurer you are ordered to receive
 of James Jones Constable two shillings eleven pence
 And all to receive of Moses Abbot and a Constable 4/7 3/4
 these sums over run in the additional County Tax
 Jan the 30th 1788 Samuel Lane Town Treasurer you
 are ordered to receive of James Jones Constable the
 sum of five pound ten shillings
 And all to receive of Moses Abbot and a Constable the
 sum of eight pound fifteen shillings & nine pence
 these last sums over run on the County Rate Tax
 Samuel Lane audit for List of money received of Moses Fitch
 charged to him 3-7-10 and received at 8/6 1/2 pound
 1/2 part of the overplus in Moses Fitch Note Tax
 added to him in page 36

43 15 5
 38 9 10 3
 34 19 3
 30 13 10 2
 14 5 0
 14 11 0
 5 5 0 0
 61 6 6 1
 77 19 2 3
 1 14 0 0
 0 2 11 0
 4 7 3
 5 10 0 0
 8 15 9 0

1788 March the third Oliver Reed a constable 1788
 June 30 To Mr Thomas bag for minkie & intat on a town not
 Samuel Lane for the school minkie
 To Timothy Taguith for his son with the old page Lathwinton minkie
 30 To Mr Thaddeus Davis for boarding Thomas Woolley at 6
 per week in full } + 1-6-8-3
 22 To Josiah Davis for boarding the wid Tapet in part at 3 per week
 boarded said wid Tapet 20 weeks & half at 3 per week 6 1/2 } + 2-5-9-0
 June 20 To James Lane for keeping school in part } + 3-0-0-0
 Sept 12 To Aaron Priest for boarding the wid goodail in part } + 0-6-10-0
 October 2 To James Lane in full for five months keeping school
 at 33 per month & twelve weeks board at 4/6 & school
 and 3 of wood at 8/6 per cord in the year 1787 } + 7-2-10-0
 22 To Ruben Duening for money allowed him in repairing & minkie 19-6-
 22 To Samuel Lane for a church as a repair & minkie } + 2-15-8-0
 22 To Francis Bowman in part } + 0-6-0-0
 John 10 Thaddeus Davis for boarding the school minkie & minkie
 2. minkie of wid Tapet & minkie of the school minkie } + 0-10-0-0
 the woman school 14/ }
 June 18 To Thompson Bacon for boarding Lamer jangler 6 weeks at 3/6 p. week } + 1-1-0-0
 18 To James Lane for his son Isaac Lane keeping school in part } + 1-6-5-0
 1789 January 2 To Mr John Lane for boarding the school minkie at 3/6 p. week } + 18-0-0-0
 4- } for y. year 1788 }
 21 To John Webster for boarding the school minkie at 3/6 p. week 1788 } + 0-18-0-0
 Feb 6 To John Webster for his service as clerk & keeping in full } + 2-9-3-0
 To John Webster for paying the school minkie for keeping the school for 1788 } + 1-7-0-0
 March 6 To Moses Abbot for boarding wid goodail at 3 per week } + 0-10-0-0
 July 2 To John Maxwell for work on the bell } + 0-3-6-0
 1790 May 14 To Samuel Fowl in part for keeping school } + 0-0-0-0

1788. March 4: 30 1788
 orders to Oliver Reed a constable
 To Thaddeus Davis for boarding Thomas Woolley 14 weeks
 and 4 days at 6 per week in part } + 1-6-8-1
 22 To Josiah Davis for boarding the wid Tapet at 3 per week } + 0-15-7-0
 May 30 To Lemmiah Fitch for the school minkie & minkie } + 1-2-8-0
 Aug 26 To Joseph Concan for boarding the school minkie at 4/6 per
 week 22/ two cord wood 17/ one minkie & minkie } + 1-17-8-0
 James Concan
 26 To Eliza in full for boarding the wid goodail in } + 1-16-0-0
 full for 23 weeks at 3/6 & 3/8 }
 Sept 12 To Daniel Fitch for a town with 6 p. page } + 0-6-0-0
 October 2 To Thaddeus Lane in part for keeping the school 1787 } + 3-0-0-0
 November 10 Thaddeus Davis for boarding the school minkie 18 & minkie } + 1-16-0-0
 1787 March 4: 6 To Josiah Davis for the support of Thomas Woolley
 four weeks at 6/ & two minkie for boarding } + 1-6-0-0
 22 To Stephen Hadwell for a pair of Lathwinton minkie for Thomas Woolley } + 0-6-0-0
 April 3 To Elihu Penman for wood for the school in the year 1787 } + 0-18-0-0
 1791 April 3 To John Stowell for his wife keeping school } + 0-6-0-0
 January 16 1793 To John Lane for his high way rate & minkie and for
 3 cord of wood in full for wood at the school house in 91 } + 1-11-5-0

1788 Robert to Jonathan Lane Constable (H)
 April 7 To Joseph Hattwell For cash lent the school $\$0-12-0$
 7 To Eazer Davis for part pay bording y. wid goodail $+0-10-0$
 May 15 To Aaron Priest for the Surplus of wid Goodail in part $\$0-12-0$
 22 To Stephen Meads for bording and paying the school mstrs $\$1-16-0$
 For the year 1787
 29 To William Page for bording the school mstrs 6 weeks @ $3/4$ and $\$1-3-6$
 his hour to mstrs with the year 1787 1787
 29 To Mr. John Lake for bording the school mstrs @ $3/4$ per week $\$1-16-0$
 paying her $3/4$ per week in the year 1787 1787
 August 12 To David Bacon for his salary in the year 1786 & 1787 $25/10$
 25 To Capt. Timothy Jones for services in the year 1786 & 1787 $\$1-17-10$
 & Capt. Robert and Capt. 4/10 for services & family $8/1$
 & to warden on account of a poor family $4/1$
 26 To Joseph Conners for bording mstrs 2 weeks @ one cord wood $9/1-1-4$
 and an 8 shillings toward bording. James Lane 1787
 26 To Eazer Davis for bording wid goodail in part @ $3/4$ $\$1-16-0$
 Sept 25 To Jeremiah Crosby for a Towel with Capt Page $\$0-6-4$
 October 22 To Reuben Durin in part of money allowed him in repairing
 the Meetinghouse $+2-0-0$
 1789
 January 29 To Asa Page for Kals abated $+2-3-0$
 February 8 To Madecus Dean for part paying Lydia Smith for keeping
 the school in the year 1787 $+0-18-11-2$
 6 To John Webb for paying Lydia Smith in full for keeping school 1787 $\$8-0-2$
 10 To Ensign John Sprake for his pay for him of a constable $\$2-07-00$
 March 6 To Reuben Durin for a grant of the town for the work at the meeting
 hour not being paid according to contract which Durin in full $+3-13-9-2$
 May 30 To Thompson Bacon for Jonathan & Willson pay as a
 Soldier with Gen. Lincoln to the Westward $\$2-14-0-0$
 Ansum Read $2/4$ of the above order
 July 2nd To Sameringles for his State Tax abated $+1-5-8-0$

43) Rate for the year 1788

Date		Bedford proportion of whole Tax		Viz Dated 30 day of June 1788					
1788	June 30	The sum of one hundred & Forty Eight pounds 18/11		£	S.	d.	q.		
		Committed to James Jones Constable his proportion of the above		148	18	11	0		
		Sum to pay to the Treasurer of this county at the viz the sum of							
		Sixty six pounds six shillings & eight pence & one farthing		66	6	8	1		
		and also to pay the Town Treasurer five pounds 10/-		5	10	0	0		
		and also committed to Messrs Abbott and a constable the							
		sum of Eighty two pounds twelve shilling two pence		82	12	2	3		
		three farthings to pay into the State Treasurer							
		it being his proportion of the above sum							
		and the said Messrs Abbott is to pay into the town							
1788	June 29	Treasurer the sum of Eight pound 15/9		8	15	9	0		
Town Rate for the year 1788		Bedford proportion of a county Tax granted the 2nd Tuesday of Sept 1788		20	15	0	0		
		Committed to James Jones Constable his proportion of the town							
		and County Tax viz the sum of Twenty one pound one shilling		21	1	6	1		
		and James Jones ordered to pay to the County Treasurer		7	15	0	0		
		out of the above sum nine pound 15/-		9	15	0	0		
		to pay to the Town Treasurer sixty one pound 6/6 1/4		61	6	6	1		
		and also committed to Messrs Abbott and a constable the sum of							
		Eighty Eight pound thirteen shillings three pence two farthings		88	19	7	2		
		said Abbott is ordered to pay the County Treasurer eleven pound		11	0	0	0		
		to pay to the Town Treasurer having been pound 19/9 1/2		77	19	7	2		
An additional County Tax granted at Concord 2nd Tuesday		of Septm 1788 £ 84 12 - 11							
		committed of the above additional County Tax to James		4	0	10	0		
		Jones Dated y. 29 day of Decm 1788 the sum of four							
		pounds & four pence							
		The said James Jones Constable ordered to pay to the County							
		Treasurer three pounds thirteen shillings & eleven pence		3	17	11	0		
		And to pay to the Town Treasurer two shillings & eleven pence		2	11	0	0		
		And also committed of the above additional County Tax unto							
		Messrs Abbott and a constable the sum of four pounds thirteen		4	19	7	3		
		shillings seven pence & three farthings							
		The said Messrs Abbott Const ordered to pay to the County		4	15	0	0		
		Treasurer four pounds six shillings							
		And to pay to the Town Treasurer four shillings seven pence 3/4		4	7	3	0		
Rate for the year 1789 Bedford proportion of a county Tax granted the		2nd Tuesday of March 1789 for the sum of five hundred pounds							
		is Eight pound 9/3							
		and committed to Messrs Sitch a constable the sum of four pounds		4	15	11	3		
		sixteen shillings eleven pence & 3 farthings							
		to pay to the County Treasurer 4 pounds 12/-		4	12	0	0		
		and to pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of 3/11 3/4		3	11	3	0		
		and also committed to Joseph Concar 4 pound 3 pence one farthing		4	0	3	1		
		to pay to the County Treasurer		3	27	3	0		
		and to pay to the Town Treasurer		0	3	0	1		

89 Order to Samer (Jones Constable
 January 25 To Sumner Fitch for the debt mens expenses — + 1-15-0
 25 To Capt. Timothy Jones for Janus as a Repor — 10-4-6-0
 25 To John Reed Esq. for his Lad Ringing the Bell & sweeping meeting
 March 2 To William Page for his Ham & Pork John & wife family } + 1-1-0-0
 June 23 To Capt. John Moor for boarding the school Master 5 weeks } + 0-4-0-0
 at 3/ per week for y^r year 1788 } 0-15-0-0
 July To Tori Tava for Boarding 1st school master 4
 2 weeks at 5/6 per week & two cord wood 16/ } + 1-18-0-0
 for the year 1788
 August 31 To Joseph Conard for paying Sch Whit 24/ for painting
 the Meeting house & Heaven Shilings for Boarding Thomas
 Woolley two weeks — + 1-15-0-0
 31 William Page for one bushel of Rye to the wid Tasset — + 0-5-0-0
 Sept^r To Samer Lane for keeping 1st months School
 at 33/ per month Boarding him self 13 weeks at 5/6 per week } + 7-0-0-0
 4 cord of wood & 8/ shilings per cord which Sumis in fall
 Sum^r To Nathaniel Legman for boarding the School Master 4 weeks } + 1-18-0-0
 47 at 5/6 per week 20/ 8/ finding wood 16/ for y^r year 1788 }
 17 To Stephen Hunt for boarding the school master } + 1-1-0-0
 seven weeks at 3/ per week for y^r year 1789
 February 8th 1790 To W^m William Muriam for Boarding the } + 2-18-0-0
 School master 6 weeks in the year 1789 at 3/ per week }
 Sept^r To Madam Fitch for the support of Samer } + 0-19-0-0
 Thompson for a State poor 19/ in part }
 February 14th 1791 To Capt. Timothy Jones for pay- } + 0-15-0-0
 ing Betsey Wheeler for keeping School in 1788 }

1787 Orders to Moses Abbot for a Constable for the year 1788
 1787 William to Samuel Lane for Jordanus as an. 1/2 p. 10/6
 1787 John Childer for Sawic as (Luk 24/10) 1/2 p. 10/6
 June 23 To James Lane for part pay for keeping y^e school + 3-0-0
 Sept 21 To Mr. John Lane for boarding the wid goodall in part + 1-4-0
 21 To Oliver Bacon for two cord of wood 16/ for boarding the school
 Master 2 weeks at 22/ in the year 1788 + 1-18-0
 21 To James Lane for keeping school in y^e year 1788 in part + 3-1-6
 Novem^r 16 To Thaddeus Dean John Whit Katis abate 24/2 1/2 Jones Dementavon
 1790 Katis abated 5/2 3/4 (cafer) present Katis 12/ John Whit Katis 8/6 1/2 } 2-9-11-1
 April 5 To Samuel Lane for paying Pottery Brown 18/ for keeping } + 0-18-0
 the school in the year 1789 in full }
 May 14 To Samuel Fowle in part for keeping y^e school + 2-18-0
 October 4 To Oliver Bacon for boarding & paying the school } + 2-10-0
 Master for 8 weeks & two days - in full }
 February 7th 1791 To Aaron Purcut for digging a grave } + 0-5-0
 For James Thompson a Plate Poor- }

Taken up Damige Infant in the pasture of the Subscribers &
 impounded and stayed at the Lab denote on the Twenty Eighth
 day of June 1791; a Reddish Horn mare with a white blaze in her face
 and two white feet & a burst on the near side supposed to be
 fifteen or sixteen years old also a sucking colt by her side
 of a Red colour with a white spot in his face

By me Thaddeus Fitch
 Bedford July 7th 1791 the above as returned to the ^{club office} in writing =
 = July 18th 1791 att^d John Webster Town Clerk

Samuel Lane Junr a Late Town Treasurer in Kensington
with the select me Returned the several persons hereafter in Debt

viz

Matthew Laws by his note of hand	£ 2-13-4 0
Samuel Whitaker Dito	2-12-2 0
Joshua Flagstone Dito	9-9-0 0
Wm Simonds Dito	4-16-3 1
James Simonds Dito	5-15-9 3
Evans Blood Dito	4-18-1 2
David Bacon by two notes of hand	4-17-6 0
Wm Fuller Dito	1-14-0 0
Moses Fitch a Late constable Returned in debt	4-4-2 2
John Hewitt a Late constable Returned in Debt	7-18-9 1
Elijah Bacon a Late constable Returned in Debt	9-18-7 3
Jonathan Lane a Late constable Returned in Debt	46-6-11-3
John Reed a Late constable Returned in Debt	31-9-5 1
Oliver Reed Junr a Late constable Returned in Debt	66-8-0 2
Moses Abbott Junr a Late constable Returned in Debt	87-0-2 1
James C Jones a Late constable Returned in Debt	66-19-5 1
John Lane Junr a Late constable Returned in Debt	9-14-3 0
Thaddeus Dean a Late constable Returned in Debt	2-6-4 1
Aja Faget a Late constable Returned in Debt	3-9-9 3
David Page a Late constable Returned in Debt	9-0-4 2
Returned in cash	0-6-0 0
Returned in paper money on hand by Samuel Lane Junr 1032-9-6	
Samuel Lane Junr a Late Treasurer Returned to Lieut. William	
Merram Treasurer in the Red M ^{rs} Joseph Pennaman order	114-16-1-3
The sum of one hundred fourtune pounds Sixteen Shilling 1/3	

May 4th 30 1789 Lieut. William Merram Town Treasurer charged

with cash Received of Thompson Bacon 2/4 0-2-4-0

July Said Treasurer charged with an order of Reuben Bacon 0-12-4-2

7th Said Treasurer ordered to Receive of Moses Fitch constable 0-3-11-3

1789 and all fols. Receive of Joseph Converse Junr constable 0-3-0-1

These two last sums over Run in a country Est Dated July 27th 1789

Said Treasurer charged with cash Received of John Webber 2-12-2-0

Deposited in his hand as per page 19

Sum 27 Lieut. William Merram Town Treasurer ordered to Receive of Joseph Converse Junr constable 20 of over Run in the State Est Dated Sept 17th 1789

and all fols. Receive of Moses Fitch 27/1 1/4 over Run in of State Est Dated Sept 17th 1789

Carried over to page 47

41)	Brought From Page 46 Lieut. William Meriam charged you are ordered to Demand and receive of M ^r Joseph Fitch Constable & collector of the town of Bedford the sum of Eighty pounds six shillings & 4 pence including the Rec ^d . M ^r Joseph Pennamans salary and the arrears of the highway as returned by J. Survey	£ 80 16 4-2
Dated Dec ^r 1789	And also to receive of Joseph Conners Constable and collector the sum of Sixty Nine pounds 8 s — including the arrears of the high ways	69 8 0-0
1789	William Meriam Town Treasurer charged you are ordered to Demand & receive of M ^r Joseph Fitch Constable & collector the sum of 10 s 5 1/3	10 5 3
	And also to receive of Joseph Conners Constable and collector the sum of 7 10 1/2 there two last sums over run in settling the County Tax	7 10 2
	Dated the 1 th of July 1790	
Sept ^r 15 th 1790	William Meriam Town Treasurer charged you are ordered to receive of John Webber Esq Constable two pounds two shillings 3 pence over run in a County Tax	2 2 3-2
Nov ^r 22 th 1790	also one pound 1/2 over run in a County Tax Dat ^d Sept ^r 15 th 1790	1 1 2-0
	William Meriam Town Treasurer charged with a Note of hand signed by Benjamin Pollard to Samuel Savage a State Town Treasurer —	2 8 4-3
Lieut	William Meriam Town Treasurer; you are ordered to demand & receive of John Webber Esq Constable the sum of one hundred & fifty two pounds nine shillings eleven pence three farthings	152 9 11 3
	Being a town Rate including J ^r Rec ^d M ^r Joseph Pennamans Salary for the present year	
Dated Dec ^r 18 th 1790	Also to receive of Said John Webber Esq AM ^r of the high ways as returned by the Surveyors	1 15 1-1
March 11 th 1791	William Meriam charged with a Note on the full Note 3/8 & two pound & nine pence 4/3 on J ^r Simon & note and on Benj ^m Pollards Note 6/1 1/4 & 12 s on Thaddeus	3 2 7-0
March 11 th	Dec ^r but you cease Hollons Rate William Meriam Town Treasurer you are ordered to receive of M ^r Joseph Fitch Constable the sum of eight shillings 3 pence 3 farthings	8 3 3
	and also to receive of David Bacon 7 s — there two last sums over run in the County Tax	7 6 0
	Dated March 10 th 1791 there two last sums were not reckoned in the last account with Lieut. Meriam Treasurer on the 21 st day of March 1791 nor they were not committed to Fitch and Bacon but were committed to John Webber Esq	

1787 July the 2th 1789

(48)

Received of William Meriam Town Treasurer —
one hundred thirty three pounds Six Shillings &
Eight pence paid to the Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennaman
for his salary for y^e years 1786 & 1787 — — — — — 133-6-8-0

on said day Rec^d of William Meriam for cash paid
on D^r. Colmohit Note for painting y^e Meetinghouse 2-11-4-6

Sept^m 18 Received of William Meriam Town Treasurer in order the sum of }
Sixty one pound Seven Shillings Six pence five farthings in part — } 61-7-6-2
credited y^e Treasurer over charged in account — — — — — 0-0-6-0

Dec^m 25 Received of William Meriam Treasurer a Receipt }
From y^e Rev. Joseph Pennaman Sixty Six pound: 13/4 } -66-13-4-0
For his salary for the year 1788 — — — — —

1790 Jan^y: 21 Received of W^m Meriam Town Treasurer }
(the sum of Forty two pounds Five Shillings } 42-5-7-3
Seven pence & three farthings in part — — — — —

August 10th Received of William Meriam Town Treasurer
a receipt from y^e Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennaman
Dated July y^e 8th 1790 the sum of Sixty Six
pound: 13/4 in full for his salary which was Due
to him in. may y^e 22th 1789 — — — — — 66-13-4-0

on said day received a receipt from said Treasurer
for paying Betsey Wheeler for keeping School
Keep. Wakes in the year 1789 — — — — — 1-1-0-0

Dec^m 13 Received of W^m Meriam Town Treasurer the sum of }
Four pounds Five Shillings & seven pence three farthings } -4-5-11-2
in order in part — — — — —

1791 February 16 Received of William Meriam a receipt signed
By y^e Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennaman for the sum
of Sixty Six pound 13/4 in full for his salary } 66-13-4-0
Due to him y^e 22 day of May 1790 — — — — —

28 Received of William Meriam one pound Five Shillings }
three pence & three farthings Laps in y^e State tax in part } 1-5-3-3

March 4th Received of William Meriam Town Treasurer
a note of hand signed By Samuel Lane former Treasurer
to Secumak Dutch in full and Gramp. £ 6-1-1-1 and on said day
Received in order £ 63-5-0-1 — — — — — 69-6-1-2

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Rated for the year 1789 Brought from Page 43 Bedford's
Proportion of a State Tax No 7 Dated September 4th 1789

Saled For the Sum of Twenty Seven pounds Five Shillings & Sixpence
1789 Committed to Joseph Conways constable the Sum of thirty
Six pounds 15/- To pay to the State Treasurer thirty five
pounds five Shillings

£35-15-0

Joseph Conways constable is ordered to pay to the Town Treasurer
committed to D. Strep in the whole of this list thirty six pound 15/-

1-0-0
36-15-0

Dated 17th 1789 and all committed unto Messrs. Fitch constable of the above sum
fourty three pounds seven Shillings seven pence one farthing

43-7-7

To pay to the State Treasurer for by two pounds & Six pence

2-0-6

To pay to the town Treasurer one pound seven Shillings one penny

1-7-1

Town Rates including y^e Ric^d. M^r. Joseph Pennamans Shlevy
Dated Decem^r 4th 29th 1789

Committed to Messrs. Fitch constable & collector of said town to pay
in to William Mearns town Treasurer or to his receiver in his office

The sum of Eighty pounds 16/4th including the
Arrears of the highways as returned by y^e Surveyor

£80-16-4

and also committed unto Joseph Conways constable
and collector the sum of thirty nine pounds 8/- including
the Arrears of the highways as returned by y^e Surveyor

69-8-0

Bedford's proportion of R. County Tax is £23

Dated February the 3^d 1790

Committed to Messrs. Fitch constable & collector
of said town to collect of the above sum twelve

12-17-5

1790 pounds seventeen Shillings five pence 1/3

To pay to the county Treasurer 12 pound 7/-

12-7-0

To pay to the town Treasurer 10/5 1/3 overrunning said tax

10-5-

Also committed to Joseph Conways constable &
collector to collect of the above sum eleven pounds

11-0-10

seven pence two farthings

To pay to the county Treasurer ten pounds 13/-

10-13-0

To pay to the town Treasurer 7/10 1/2 overrunning said tax

0-7-10

Bedford's proportion of a State Tax Dated by the State Treasurer
Warrant April 4th 1790 specified and committed unto

Sept 15 John Webber constable the sum of fifty three pounds 12-5/4 53-12-50

To pay to the State Treasurer fifty one pound ten Shillings 1/2 pence

51-10-2-0

To pay the town Treasurer two pounds two Shillings 3/4

2-2-3-3

1790 committed to R. John Webber constable County Tax

16-7-10

To pay to the county Treasurer

15-6-8

To pay the town Treasurer

1-1-2

Rates for the year 1790 brought from Page 45. 8 9
 own Rate including the Rev. Mr. Joseph Pennamans Salary
 Dated December 13th 1790 Committed to John Welbergh
 Constable & collector of the Town of Bedford viz one hundred &
 fifty two pounds nine shillings eleven pence three farthings 152. 9. 11. 3
 and also the arrears of the highways returned by ss

1791
 March 10 Rates for the year 1791 Bedford's proportion of 12 County Tax 9-5-6
 Dated the 10th day of March 1791 Committed unto
 + M^r Fitch the sum of nine pound 11/1 1/2 of 2 County Tax + 9 11 1 2
 + to pay to the County Treasurer nine pound 2/9 1/2 - - - + 9 2 1 3
 + and to pay to the Town Treasurer 8/3 1/4 - - - + 0 8 3 3
 + and also committed unto David Bacon Constable of the
 above County Tax Eight pound 10/2 1/2 - - - + 8 10 2 1
 + and Bacon to pay to the County Treasurer Eight pound 2/8 1/4 + 8 2 8 1
 + to pay to the Town Treasurer 7/6 - - - - - 7 6 0

The above County committed to David Bacon and
 M^r Fitch was committed to John Welbergh viz
 the sum of Eight ten pounds one shilling ten pence 3/4 - 18 1 3 3
 to pay to the County Treasurer - - - - - 17 3 6 0
 to pay to the Town Treasurer - - - - - 15 9 3
 Dated March 10th 1791

State Tax. No 9 Dated September 27th 1791 £ 51-10-2
 Committed to M^r Fitch Constable & collector to collect
 the sum of twenty eight pound 18/11 1/2 - - - 28 18 11 3
 to pay to the State Treasurer twenty seven pound 10/- - - 27 10 0 0
 to pay the Town Treasurer one pound 8/11 3/4 - - - 1 8 11 3
 and also committed to David Bacon Constable & collector
 the sum of twenty five pounds 7/1 1/4 - - - 25 7 1 1
 to pay to the State Treasurer twenty four pound 0/2 - - 24 0 2 0
 to pay to the Town Treasurer one pound 6/11 1/4 - - - 1 6 11 1

Town Rates including the Rev. Mr. Pennamans Salary
 Dated Dec^r 29: 1791 committed to M^r Fitch Constable & collector
 the sum of Sixty nine pound thirteen shillings nine pence
 and also committed to David Bacon Constable & collector
 the sum Sixty nine pound eleven pence two farthings - 69 13 9
 committed to M^r Fitch eleven shillings eight pence two farthings - 39 0 11 2
 committed to David Bacon one pound 16/- - - - 1 16 0 0
 the two last sums are the arrears of the highway Tax
 Rates carried to page 63

		L S M		
Orders Drawn on Joseph Conways Jr. Constable				
February 26th 1790				
26	To Josiah Davis for boarding the School Master four weeks in the year 1789 @ 3/6 per week	+1	2	0 0
26	To Jeremiah Fitch for the Expenses of 4 select men in 1789	+1	13	8 0
26	William Page to taking the invoice 6/8 one day perambulating two day & half service as a sejour @ 3/4 per day 8/4	7/4	0	18 4
26	To Leut William Meriam for nine days and half service one day half perambulating into taking up invoice & six days & half service as an apseor at 3/4 per day	+1	11	8
The above orders were signed by the select men				
May 14	To Mr. Josiah Davis for boarding y. wid Fafret nine weeks & three day in full	1	8	6
Sept 20	To Samuel Foul for keeping school	+0	8	0
20	To Thaddeus Fitch 13/5 in full for y. support of			
Nov 22	James Thompson a state poor & dayer	X0	13	5 0
22	To Joseph Conways for one cord ¹ / ₂ wood 12/ Boarding the School Master four weeks @ 3/6 per week 22/ and paying the school 4 weeks @ 3/ per week + 12/	2	6	0
22	To Leut. Eliaz Davis for Boarding the School Mistress for six weeks and paying her 3/ per week	1	16	0 0
Dec 6	To John Nudger John Ladvinging bell & a new head	+1	0	8 0
13	To Leut William Meriam for paying the school mistress four weeks in the south part of the town in year 1790	+0	12	0 0
Feb 7th 1791	To Reuben Duron to Labour 2/ writing & hand 4/6 Timber & labour 1/8 to thirteen Esq. & glass 7/6 and a coffin for James Thompson a state poor 8/	+1	6	8 0
March 4	To William Meriam for Sunday & half service 23/ and for Fitch's Extra charge 26	+1	11	0 0

Pettors Drown on Mose Fitch Constable					
January 26 th 1790					
26	To Mrs Sarah Davis for boarding the wid Fitch from the first day of January 8 weeks @ 3/ per week	+1	4	0	0
June 21	To John Webb for services as clerk 39/6 and for nine days & half absencing & perambulating 33/4	+3	12	10	0
July 5	To the wid Sarah Lane for boarding the wid Goodall from the 20 of January till April meeting & from April meeting to the 5 th of June 1790	+1	7	0	0
Sept 7 th	To Samer Lane in part for keeping of school in 1789	4	10	0	0
26	To Samer Lane in part for keeping school and three cord & half wood at 8/ shilling per cord and nine weeks wood at 5/6 per week in full	+4	07	6	
26	To Samuel Fowle in full for keeping school two months and @ 54/ per month and boarding him self	x	1	0	0
26	To Samuel Fowle for keeping school in full	+0	14	0	0
October 4	To Samuel Fowl for his wife keeping school two weeks the last side of Shawshins new in y ^r year 1790	+0	12	0	0
Nov 10	To Sonos Gleason for wood for the school in y ^r year 1790	+0	12	0	0
22	To Thompson Bacon for boarding the wid Goodall from the 14 of May to the 4 Day of October 20 weeks @ 2/2 per week	2	1	2	0
22	To Matthew Pollard for boarding the school master 6 weeks & three cord feet of wood @ 8/ per cord	+1	1	0	0
Sum 6	To David Hud for paying Samer Hutchinson in part for Ringing the Bell of	+0	6	0	0
13	To Benjamin Hutchinson for paying the school mistress for keeping the school in the year 1790	+18	0	0	
31	To Samuel Fowle for keeping of school in y ^r year 1790 & in part - - - - - 1791	x4	0	0	0
February 7 th 1791	To wid Sarah Lane for boarding of wid Goodall in full	+1	2	6	0
March 7	To David Page for boarding & paying his daughter for keeping in weeks at 3/ per week for boarding & 3/ per week keeping	+1	16	0	0
15	To Capt. Christ Page for Sonos Bacon Bounty for the service duty with General Lincoln	+0	6	0	0
22	To Samuel Fowle for keeping school in y ^r year 1790 & 1791 in part	x1	12	0	0
August 13 th	To Mose Abbott for four cord of wood for the school house at 8/ per cord	+1	12	6	0

23) Orders drawn on John Webb or ju^r Constable
 February 14th 1791 To Lieut William Meriam for Expence on a action $\text{£} - 5 - 9$
 against the Blacks 6/11 (1/2 per on an action against
 John Fuller 4/18 and three days with him self and horse 12/1 $\times 1 - 8 - 11 - 2$
 and extra charges in attending the court committee at
 March came bridge 3/2 4
 4th To Corliss Davis for Boarding the wid Saffet from the
 first of November 1790 for eleven weeks at 2 3/4 per week $\times 2 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 4 To William Meriam for two years service as Treasurer $\times 4 - 5 - 11 - 0$
 4 To David Reed for 26 days service taking
 the invoice of expence and other services $\times 1 - 16 - 8 - 0$
 4 To John Mallett for 26 days service taking the
 the constable 29 per 26 days half taking the
 in voice and as an assessor 27/4 and one day & half
 with the court committee 5/8 the one day on the 1st of
 Wolcott and the 2nd 3/4 one day to Cambridge 5/8 the 3rd of
 4/0 $\times 4 - 0 - 3 - 0$
 4 To Jeremiah Sitch for the select men's Expence 22/1
 and for the article out of his house for a lamestomach
 a State poor 5/4 $\times 1 - 7 - 1 - 0$
 7 To James Lane for 26 weeks of class rate paid to
 Treasurer by Benjamin Pollard 26/0 $\times 14 - 8 - 0$
 22 To Samuel Towle for keeping school $\times 0 - 19 - 6 - 0$
 22 To Samuel Towle for keeping school $\times 0 - 15 - 3 - 2$
 22 To Samuel Towle for keeping school $\times 2 - 6 - 4 - 3$
 22 To Samuel Towle for keeping the school four months
 which turns out full for the winter school for the
 years 1790 & 1791 the full amount for the school master
 and board was $\text{£} 13 - 4 - 0$
 31 August To William Meriam for Boarding the wid Goodail from
 the ninth of May 1791 to the 4th of July 1791 at 2 3/4 per week
 & weeks 18/1 and Boarding the school master 5 weeks at 3/4
 and 5/4 for house rent for the school $\times 1 - 18 - 0 - 0$
 31 To Eliazur Davis for one bushel of Indian corn for yrd wid Saffet $\times 0 - 3 - 6 - 0$
 31 To Dea Thaddeus Davis for Boarding the wid Goodail from the
 4th of July 1791 to the first of September 1791 nine weeks at 2 3/4 per week $\times 1 - 0 - 3 - 0$
 31 To Matthew Pollard for Boarding the school Master eight weeks
 at 3/4 per week 24/1 and eight shillings for house rent for the $\times 1 - 12 - 0 - 0$
 March 18th 1792 To Thaddeus Sitch for attending the select men's school $\times 0 - 6 - 0 - 0$
 31 To Loriah Davis for Boarding yrd wid Saffet from March 4th 1791
 1791 to the 26th day of April 1791 at 3/4 per week $\times 1 - 1 - 0 - 0$
 31 To Benjamin Bacon gun^r for work on the town $\times 0 - 8 - 0 - 0$
 Bell and frame $\times 0 - 1 - 0 - 0$
 14 To James Willson for bottom in school house chair $\times 0 - 8 - 0 - 0$
 February 29th 1792 To Jonathan Lane for 26 weeks high way tax $\times 0 - 8 - 0 - 0$
 March 26th 1792 To Joseph Conner for Boarding wid Goodail in Feb 21/3
 to work at the Bell house 6/1 to Boarding the school Master 5 weeks
 at 3/4 per week 15/0 and for Boarding wid Goodail 1/2 shilling 9/1 $\times 2 - 12 - 3 - 3$
 May 14 - To John Timothy Jones in part for Boarding the school master
 in the year 1791 & 1792 at 6/1 per week $\times 3 - 7 - 2$
 1792 To David Page for Boarding & paying the school master 1791 $\times 2 - 4 - 0$
 To David Page for Boarding the school master 4/10 of 8/1 1791 $\times 12 - 0 - 0$
 18th 1792 To Emily Jones for paying the school master in 1792 $\times 7 - 4 - 0$

55 Brought From Page 48

March 11th 1791 Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer two pound. Fifty six Shilings nine pence & three farthings the Ballans on James Simond's Note of hand £ 2-15-9-3

that was reckoned with Leut William Mariam Town Treasurer and he stands charged As per page 46. March 21th 1791

June 4th 1791

Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer a receipt from the Revd Mr Joseph Penrosman for Sixty six pound thirteen Shilings & four pence in full for his 1791 Salary to the 22 day of May 1791 - - - - 66-13-4

August 31 Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer in order and receipts in part twenty eight pound seven Shilings three pence & one farthing 28-17-3-1

Sept 19 Received of William Mariam in cash three pound six Shilings three pence in part 3-6-3-0

Dec 27th 1792 Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer the sum of twenty five pound seven Shilings five pence on said day received of William Mariam in cash 25-16-3-8

June 20th Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer a receipt from Revd Mr Penrosman for Sixty six pound thirteen Shilings & four pence, in full for his Salary to the twenty second day of May 1792. 66-13-4

June 25th Received of William Mariam in order & receipts the sum of Fifty one pound seven Shilings & four pence three farthings in part - - - 51-5-4-3

Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer 5 pounds 12/3⁴ as a Ballans due to him on a settlement with said Treasurer on the 25th day of June 1792 in part of what the Treasurer charged with and on said day received of William Mariam Treasurer in order the sum of seven pound 13/7 in part of what the said Treasurer stands charged with 7-13-7-0

April 29th 1793 Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer the sum of twelve pound by receipt of his quorum M^{rs} Felch an order on Benjamin Abbot constable for the same sum dated October 1st 1792 for the same sum for building the North west School House 12-0-0-0

May 27th 1793 Received of William Mariam Town Treasurer in Notes & receipts and order the sum of one hundred & sixty two pound 5/3⁴ 162-5-3-3

June 3rd Received of William Mariam Treasurer pound eighteen Shilings two pence one farthing in part of the second grant of the School house last in order 17-18-2-1

26 Received of William Mariam Treasurer of said Town the sum of forty one pound 14/5² in order - - 41-14-5-2 and cash paid Mr Culbert 2/4 and cash paid Desler 3/1 and cash paid clerk paid 3/ to Bell soap 7/ carried to page 66 3-7-1-0

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Leut. William Meriam Town Treasurer in Reckoning with the selectmen on the 21 th day of March A.D. 1791 Received the several persons heard & claimed in Debt to the town, which turns the P. William Meriam the present Treasurer stands charged with viz. The sum of Matthew Law by their Note of hand	2	13	4	
Samuel Whitaker by his note of hand	2	12	8	
Joseph Horn & Lane by their note of hand	9	9	0	
Ezekiel & Timothy by their Note of hand	3	14	0	0
John Morrill & Hager Davis by their note of hand	1	10		
David Ingraham constable	2	4	11	3
Asa Fissett constable	3	2	9	3
Thaddeus Dean constable	2	6	4	1
John Hartwell a late constable	5	17	5	1
Elijah Bacons List	5	2	7	1
Abel Lane & List	7	11	2	3
Oliver Reed & a late constable	7	17	2	2
John Reed & a late constable	2	18	2	1
James & Jones a late constable	4	5	3	2
Moses Abbot a late constable	6	10	11	
Moses Fitch a late constable	24	7	8	2
Joseph Conners & a late constable	30	7	2	3
John Webber & a late constable	157	8	6	2
Ballans Due to the town on Reckoning from J. D. Treasurer	5	5	1	2
Leut. William Meriam charged with old paper money 937-10-0				
William Meriam Town Treasurer you are to demand of John Webber & a constable 15/9 3/4 over run in the county tax dated the 10 th day of March 1791	15	9	3	
August 23 rd 1791 William Meriam Town Treasurer charged with cash received of Samuel Lane a late town Treasurer in paid of the Ballans Due from him to the town	4	7	2	
September 1 st William Meriam Town Treasurer charged with a state note Dated January 1 st 1791 for Nineteen pounds Eight Shillings & Five pence	19	15	5	
27 th William Meriam Town Treasurer you are to receive of Moses Fitch a constable the sum of one pound Eight Shillings & 1/2	1	8	11	3
also to receive of David Bacon a constable the sum of one pound Six Shillings Eleven pence & one farthing	1	6	11	1
The above two last sums were an overplus in the State Tax No. 2 Dated September 27 th 1791				
William Meriam charged with cash he received for the above said paper money which he sold agreeable to the town directions	10	18	4	0
William Meriam Town Treasurer charged with a state note Dated January 1 st 1791 for ten pounds seven shillings which he is to pay for what W. Samuel Lane owed the town on Ballans when he settled with the town as Treasurer	10	7	0	0
carried over to the next page				

37) Decr. 29. 1791 To William Meriam Town Treasurer charged
you are to receive of M^r Fitch constable & collector
the sum of Sixty nine pound thirteen shillings & nine pence 69-13-9-0
and also to receive of David Bacon the sum of
Fifty nine pound eleven pence & two farthings 59-0-11-2
and of David Bacon one pound 7¹/₂ 1-7-6-0
the two last sums are the arriag^e of a high way tax

May 16. 1792 you are to receive of Benjamin Abbot constable
the sum of Fifty five pounds 14/- 55-14-0-0
and also to receive of Thompson Bacon constable
the sum of Forty six pounds 18/- 8-4 46-18-8-1

Said 104 Being a grant of the town of Bedford to build school house
and also to receive of Benjamin Abbot constable 3¹/₂ 3-1-2
and to receive of Thompson Bacon constable 4¹/₂ 4-2-1

May 16. 1792 the two last sums over gun in the county viz

June 25th 1792 William Meriam Town Treas^r charged with the following sums

Leut. William Meriam Town Treasurer in reckoning with the
Select men on the 25th day of June 1792 Returned the
Several persons here after named in debt to the town
The sum of Matthew Lawr by a note of hand 2-13-4
Samuel Whitaker by his note of hand 2-12-8
Joshua Flag Lane by his note of hand 9-9-0
Capt John Moor & Elizer Davis by their note of hand 1-10-0
Common wealth by note of hand 19-15-5
Common wealth by note of hand 10-7-0
David Page a late constable in debt 1-0-2-0
Asa Ficket a late constable in debt 3-9-9-3
Thaddeus Scan a constable in debt 2-6-4-1
The List of Elijah Bacon Decased 5-2-7-1
The List of Job Lane Decased 7-11-2-3
Oliver Reed jun a late constable in debt 4-16-10-2
John Reed jun a late constable in debt 2-18-2-1
M^r Abbot jun a late constable in debt 1-11-3-2
Joseph Conways jun a late constable in debt 15-0-5-0
John Wilber jun a late constable in debt 65-12-0-0
M^r Fitch a late constable in debt 45-1-6-1
David Bacon a late constable in debt 25-4-11-2
Thompson Bacon a late constable in debt 47-2-10-2
Benjamin Abbot constable in debt 55-19-1-2

Decr. 29. 1792 To Leut. William Meriam Town Treasurer
you are ordered to Demand & receive of Benj^m Abbot
constable the sum of Eighty seven pounds 10/- 6¹/₂ 87-10-6-3
and also to receive & demand of Thompson Bacon
constable the sum of Seventy one pound 12/- 9 71-12-9-0

March 22^d; 1793 To William Meriam Town Treasurer you
are ordered to Demand and receive of John Wilber
collector of the town of Bedford at the time allowed him
to make up his account the sum of Eighty six pounds
thirteen shillings ten pence two farthings 86-13-6-2
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1793 William Meriam Treasurer of the Town of Bedford Hand (58
 May 27th in Rekening with the Select men returned the several persons
 hereafter named in debt and also war at the same time charged
 with the interest money that he received when he had with the
 State Treasurers for the Town note he had in his hand and was charged
 with the same viz — — — — — £ 3⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰ 0⁰⁰
 the Share of Matthew Louns note of hand — — — — — 2⁰⁰ 13⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰
 By Samuel Whitcher note of hand — — — — — 2⁰⁰ 12⁰⁰ 8⁰⁰
 Nathan T Lane by his note of hand — — — — — 14⁰⁰ 17⁰⁰ 9⁰⁰
 J^r John Moor & Charles Davis by their note of hand — — — — — 1⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ 0⁰⁰
 Asa Suflet Late constable — — — — — 3⁰⁰ 9⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰
 Shaddock Dean Late constable — — — — — 2⁰⁰ 6⁰⁰ 1⁰⁰
 List of Elijah Bacon Deet. — — — — — 3⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 7⁰⁰
 List of Job Lane jr Deet. — — — — — 7⁰⁰ 11⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰
 Joseph Conwajr. state constable — — — — — 2⁰⁰ 19⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰
 John Webber jr a Late constable — — — — — 6⁰⁰ 13⁰⁰ 1⁰⁰
 David Bacon a Late constable — — — — — 2⁰⁰ 0⁰⁰ 6⁰⁰
 List of Benjamin Abbot Deet. — — — — — 139⁰⁰ 13⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰
 Thom son Bacon a Late constable — — — — — 107⁰⁰ 13⁰⁰ 7⁰⁰
 John Webber collector — — — — — 68⁰⁰ 13⁰⁰ 6⁰⁰
 Decm^r 21th 1793 William Meriam Treasurer of P. Town
 you unto Demand & receive of John Webber
 Collector of P. Town the sum of two hundred four time
 pounds Nineteen Shilling Eight Pence three farthings 214⁰⁰ 19⁰⁰ 8⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰
 and also 13/1 & overlaid on State Tax Dates Nov^r 28th 1793 — — — — — 13⁰⁰ 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰
 also the arragers of high ways — — — — — 15⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰
 February 28th 1794 William Meriam Town Treasurer Charge
 with an Note he gave to W^r John Meriam in behalf of the
 Town for money to settle with W^r Joseph Denominan — — — — — 19⁰⁰ 0⁰⁰ 0⁰⁰

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February 29 th 1792 Orders Drawn on Mosey Fitch 100 shable						
29	Samuel Lane jun for one day sleeping d 3/4 per day	+	3	4		
	for Christopher Page one day sleeping 3/4 per day and 1/2					
29	for Whaporing Roads & attending the Court Committee from Lexington to Wilkesville 8/4 d 3/4 per day	-	11	8		
29	for Samuel Toroh for surveying the burning ground	-	2	6		
	for Nathaniel Mark for work at the School house	+	3	4		
29	for John Webber for services as Clerk	+	15	0		
29	for John Webber for nine days sleeping & taking up in case	+	10	0		
29	for John Webber four days Whaporing Roads to attend the Court and Court Committee d 4/16 and four days on the Roads and attending the Court Committee d 4/16 wood	+	12	4		
May	16/4 for a road through Thompsons farm					
26	for John Webber jun for Boarding the red Goodail from the 6 day of March 1792 to the 14 th day of May 1792 at 3/ per week ten weeks	+	10	0	0	
June	25 for Mosey Abbot jun for four cord and half & half of 10 th raised to the School house in the year 1791 & 1792	+	2	7	0	
Nov	5 for Matthew Pollard for Boarding the School mistress					
	for Light weeks d 4/ per week 32/18 light 18 shillings for house		0	0	0	
13	for Oliver Pollard for work Nails & Iron Cur at y ^e Bell house	+	6	12		
20	for Nathaniel Page Boarding the School mistress at 32/2 and house rent 8/	+	0	0	0	
20	for David Bacon for transporting a poor person from Bedford to Belknap brought to Bedford from Lexington	+	4	0	0	
Dec	24 for John Webber jun for Boarding y ^e red Goodail from the 14 day of May to the tenth day of September 1792; seven					
1793	light weeks d 2/5 per week 4/11	x	2	1	1	0
January	16 for David Page for Joseph Moors value abated	x	0	12	7	2
	16 for John Page for plank & timber for the bridge at his mill	x	1	12	6	0
Feb	11 for David Bacon in part for his services as collector	+	0	16	0	0

	January 29 th 1792 Orders Drawn on David Bacon constable	£	s.	d.	97
29	To William Murrey for his high way abated as he had them returned to the constable and had worth them out ^{for} information of the surveyor	—	1	6	2
29	To J ^r John Moore for Boarding the School Master's 8 weeks @ 3/ per week	+1	4	0	0
29	To S ^r James Wright one day taking the invoice @ 3/4 per day & one day sleeping 3/4 & half day with the courts committee 1/8 to half day at the schoolhouse	+1	15	4	
	1/8 to Lime and Boarding bark at work at the school house 2/	—	—	—	
9	To Eusebius Fitch for the select men's Expenses 24/ & the corn miller's Expense on the Roads to be paid given this order was to be drawn on y ^e Treasurer	—	—	—	
29	To William Meriam Lewis as Treasurer 21/7 a Sunday sleeping @ 3/4 per day	+3	10	11	0
29	23/4 Sunday attending Court and paying Roads & measuring 2/6	—	—	—	
26	To Benjamin Murrey for Ringing the Bells Schooling 2/6	+1	0	0	0
26	To David Bacon Joseph Conard for Boarding his good and 26 weeks at 3/ per week in part	+2	16	8	1
24	To Sariah Davis for Boarding the wid Fafet from the 2 day of April to the 30 th day of April @ 3/ per week	+1	12	2	0
24	To J ^r Timothy Goner in full for Boarding the School Master for the year 1791 & 1792 Sixteen weeks @ 6 per week	+1	6	10	0
25	To David Madsen Davis Seven Shilings ^{for hire} for a horse to Affenham to carry the School Master home	+0	7	0	0
October 1792					
20	To Phazdair for one bushel of meal for y ^e wid Fafet 3/9	+0	4	9	0
20	and two cows heads at 1/ per head 2/	—	—	—	
20	To John Lane in part pay for wood at the schoolhouse in 1792	+0	10	6	2
January 1793					
22	To William Mober for his high way rate abated	+0	16	6	0
28	To J ^r Timothy Goner for Boarding the School Master 12 weeks 32/ & Eight Shilings for house rent	+2	0	0	0
28	To J ^r Timothy Goner in full for paying the School Master's viz Sole appellation	+0	16	0	0

4792	Orders Drawn on William Meriam Treasurer of the Town of Bedford				
April 2	To David Mear for Josiah Blood Rates abated			0	19 11 3
2	To Josiah Davis for Boarding wid Saffet from the 21 day of November 1791 to the 2 day of April 1792 nine = nine weeks at 3/6 per week 66/6			3	6 6 0
7	To David Bacon for cows head 1/			0	1 0 0
May 31	To John Hartwell for labatierne at of latter viz Shd Tax Nathan Denton 31/7 ² Ebenezer Johnson 15/12 ⁴ John Tarr - Nathan Denton 11/11 ³ Ebenezer Johnson 8/10 ⁴ Ezra Blood 3/4 ⁴ Josiah Blood 4/10 ⁴ Ezra Blood 3/4 ⁴ Samson Handy 4/7 ⁴ wid portu 1/10 ⁴ apt. Alijah Moor 4/10 ⁴ Eliza Johnson 4/2 ⁴			11	1 2
31	To John Hartwell for the Sops of money for paying the Town Treasurers the sums he had to collect			2	11 6 0
Novem ^r 5	To Moser Abbot for John Negro Rates abated viz Val ^u 6/3 Town 3/9 min ^u 2/9 county 1/4			0	13 1
June 1793	To Samuel Tarr for two cows heads			0	2 0 0
January 16 th	To Joseph son var ju ^r for the abatement of Jeremiah Blood Taxes 2 ^u 5 ^u 9 ^u 3 and Jeremiah Blood ju ^r on 9 ^u 1 ^u 2 and Daniel H Blood on 8 ^u 4 ^u 0 and Bradley Bowers on 5 ^u 9 ^u 0 in the toll			2	9 0 1
16	To John Med ju ^r for David Wilbur min ^u tax abated 1 ^u 2 ^u and Jeremiah Blood on 7 ^u 1 ^u 1			0	9 6 1
16	To John Med ju ^r for the abatement of each negro Rates on bul ^u 0 John negrs on 2 ^u 9 Henry Kealand 0 28 2 ap ^r Saffet on 0 10 1			1	14 10 3
Feb ^r 11	and for his services as constable 22/6			2	3 7 0
11	To Richard Winstrip for the Burport of M ^u chah Tarr			3	1 2
11	To David Bacon for David Bloods Taxes abated			1	10 0 0
11	To Moser Fitch for his services as collector chosen for 1 st year 1791			17	9 1
11	To Oliver Med ju ^r for his services as collector chosen for 1 st year 1787			18	0 0
11 +	To John Wibley in part for services for the town of Bedford			0	6 4 1
18	To Moser Fitch for the abatement of Taxes w ^u hump 1/9 ² wid M ^u chah Wilbur 1/3 ⁴ Min ^u Bacon ju ^r 4/4			5	5 0 2
March 1	To John Wibley ju ^r for his Quere as on fleble 73/6 and abatement of Taxes George Sumble 6/9 David Abbot 3/7 Moser Durpmore 5/7 John Horner 6/2 David Blood 4/9 ⁴			2	11 4 0
Mar 1	To John Wibley for 14 days on the valuation at 3/8 per day			1	14 8 0
1	To John Wibley for services as clerk for read books and valuation writing in full with one order for 18/6 this sum 34/8 in the whole for services as clerk for 1792 is 52/8			0	6 0 0
1	To Do ^r American preston for doctoring a poor man that was p ^r inted for			8	2 0 0
26	To Samuel Wilbur for keeping school 48 ^u months to 6 ^u p ^r month in the year 1792 & 1793 in part			2	14 4
April 9	To Moser Fitch for Boarding the School Master in the year 1793 34/4 and w ^u for the school 20 ^u p ^r p ^r cord			1	19 0 0
1793 27	To John Wibley ju ^r for Boarding the School Master six weeks at 6/6 p ^r week in two orders one for 22 ^u the other for 11/			2	13 4 0
June 26	To Moser Abbot for Boarding wid goodal one half the time from the 18 th day of Sept ^r 1792 to the 5 th day of March 1793 three weeks at 1/6 p ^r week at 87 in two orders viz one for 29 ^u 11 ^u 4 ^u and 2 ^u for 14/4				

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		1792	1793	1794	1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815	1816	1817	1818	1819	1820	1821	1822	1823	1824	1825	1826	1827	1828	1829	1830	1831	1832	1833	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199
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(63) Rates — Brought from Page 50

Order for the year 1792 viz Town grant for building
School, granted the 26 day of March 1792 £100
1792 to be appropriated for that purpose. Said rate dated
May 18th committed to Benjamin Abbot constable to
collect. Of said grant the sum of fifty five pounds 14/ 5 14 0 0
also committed to Thompson Bacon constable to
may collect of the aforesaid grant forty four pounds 18/8. 46 18 8 1
£6 over plus in said rate £2. 12. 8

Be Aford's proportion of 371 pounds 4/8

is 16 = 13-6 granted by the general court at their last
session; committed to Benjamin Abbot constable
to collect the sum of nine pounds 6/7 9 6 7 2

to pay of the aforesaid sum to the county treasurer

to pay to the town treasurer a £. 1-2 9 1 6 0

May committed to Thompson Bacon constable to collect
16 of the aforesaid county rate seven pounds 7/1 7 17 7 2

to pay to the county treasurer seven pounds 14/ 7 14 0 0

to pay to the town treasurer 3/7 7 4 2 1

Town rate for 1792 including the said Mr. Joseph Pennaman's
Salary Dated Decr 29th 1792

committed to Benjamin Abbot constable to collect
of said rate the sum of eighty seven pounds ten shillings
six pence three farthings 87 10 6 3

and also committed unto Thompson Bacon constable
to collect the sum of twenty one pound twelve shillings
& nine pence 21 12 9 9

NB) The arrears of the high way are included in the above
sums £1 to each of the collectors

Town rate for the year 1793 viz

this rate or assessment granted by the honorable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally
assembled on the fourth day of March 1793
for the purpose of compensating the payment
of the four new school houses built in said town

Dated 22nd day of March 1793 and committed to John
Webber collector of said town the sum of sixty eight pounds
thirteen shillings six pence two farthings 68 13 6 2

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Rates for the year 1793

Rate 1793 Not in Bedford proportion £ 33¹¹ 46⁰ 0
said rate committed to John Urbbur collector with the
over layings

Dated November 28th 1793 the sum of thirty four pounds } 34¹¹ 8⁰ 3
Eight shillings one pence three farthings }
to pay the State Treasurer - - - - - 33¹¹ 13⁰ 0
to pay to the town Treasurer - - - - - 13⁰ 3

Committed to Dr. John Urbbur collector of said town
at town & county rate including Mr Joseph Connans
Salary from the 22nd day of May 1793 to the first day of
Novem^r 1793 Dated Decem^r 21 1793 viz the sum of
two hundred and thirty three shillings two pence ³/₄ 230¹¹ 11⁰ 3
to pay to the county Treasurer - - - - - 15¹¹ 11⁰ 6
to pay to the town Treasurer two hundred & fourteen pounds 2 14¹⁹ 8 3
nineteen shillings eight pence three farthings - - - - -
arrear of the highway rate returned by the Annual Surveyors - - 15¹¹ 4⁰ 3

Rates for the year 1794

a town grant for to supply the pulpit for the present year
Committed unto David Bacon collector for the town

the sum of eighty one pounds five shillings 10³/₄ } 81¹¹ 5⁰ 10³/₄
Dated June 12th 1794

Committed unto David Bacon a State Tax No. 11 £ 96² 11⁰ 2
to pay to the State Treasurer the sum of - - - - - 67¹⁰ -
to pay to the County Treasurer the sum of - - - - - 24⁴ 5⁰ 2
to pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of - - - - - 4⁸ 6⁰ 0
said Tax is dated November 26th 1794

Committed unto David Bacon collector of said town
a town Tax Dated December 20 day 1794 £ 174¹⁰ 0⁰ 2
and also the arrears of the highway rate Dated May 19 2¹¹ 4⁰ 0

Rates for the year A.D. 1795

A grant of the town to supply the pulpit the present
year Committed unto Elijah Stearns collector for said the
town of Bedford the sum of one hundred and two pounds
fourteen shillings and three farthings Dated March 9th £ 102¹⁴ 0⁰ 3

Committed unto Elijah Stearns collector a State
tax No. 12 Dated November 25th A.D. 1795 227¹¹ 8⁰ 8
to pay to the State Treasurer - - - - - 22⁵ -
to pay to the town Treasurer - - - - - 2¹¹ 8⁰ 8

Committed unto Elijah Stearns collector a
town and County tax Dated November 26th A.D. 1795 513¹¹ 6⁰ 5
to pay to the County Treasurer - - - - - 11¹¹ 4⁰ 1
to pay to the town Treasurer or collector - - - - - 502¹¹ 2⁰ 4

63	Order Drawn on Benjamin Abbot constable	£	8	d	2
March 1 st 1793	To mofr Abbot for his Expens on cartiffle Road	10	2	0	0
1793	To Mofr Fitch 11 days on the valuation at 3/8 4 of 4				
	and to one day & half a sheep at 3/8 per day 3/6				
	and each on the road to cartiffle his Expens 3/2				
1 st To John Webb for his Expens at cartiffle a journey to cartiffle		0	8	0	0
1 st To John Webb for 11 st days a sheep at 3/8 per day		2	2	2	X
1 st To Valmed hyoman ju for ringing the bell & sweeping meeting house					
February 11 th 1793	To John Webb in part for his services this order	1	2	0	0
	This order was recorded through a mistake in page 61				
March 26	To John Webb ju for Boarding wid Goodall one half of the time from the 10 day of Septem 1792 To the 5 day of March 1793	12	7	0	
	Eight weeks at 4/6 & four weeks at 3/7 per week				
May 16	To Benjamin Bacon for a key to the meeting house 1/6	0	5	0	0
	and work at the bell house 3/6				
	Orders Drawn on Mofr Abbot ju				
Novem ^r 25 th 1793	To David Page for the support of council in part	1	4	2	0
Decem ^r 19	To Benjamin Webb for attending at the council	0	12	0	0

March 1 st 1793	Order Drawn on Thompson Bacon constable	£	3	d	2
1 st To John Reed for cash he Expens at cartiffle Road		0	6	6	0
1 st To John Meind for cash he Expens at cartiffle Road		0	9	2	0
1 st To John Meind for 8 st days on the valuation at 3/8 3/2		1	16	8	0
	and 1 st day a sheep at 3/8 4/6				
1 st To W ^m William Meind 13 st days at the valuation at 3/8 4/6		6	19	8	0
1 st and 11 st days a sheep at 4/2					
1 st To Jeremiah Fitch for Expens of the committee on cartiffle Road		2	5	4	0
1 st To Jeremiah Fitch for the most expens Expens 1792		2	2	6	0
1 st To Joseph Davis for Boarding the vid school from the 24 day of September to the first Monday of March which is the fourth day of March 1793 at 4/6 per week amounting to 10/3		5	3	6	0
	in part of Sum 9/4/6				
	is another order on the same day for non shilings in full				
1 st To Joseph Davis for three days at the valuation at 3/8 per day and 4 young wood heads		13	0	0	0
26	To Sarah Wilder in full for keeping the school in 1792 & 1793	3	0	0	0
May 16	To Joseph Davis for Boarding the vid school from the fourth day of March 1793 four weeks at 4/6 per week	0	16	0	0
16	To Joseph Davis for Boarding the school				
	Marten in 1793 at 6/6 per week and Boarding the school Marten 8 weeks at 4/6 per week and house 8/	3	19	0	0
16	To Joseph Davis for Boarding the school Marten in the year 1793 at 6/6 per week	1	19	0	0
16	To Samuel Hatwell for wood to the school house	0	15	0	0
16	To Samuel Hatwell for wood to the school house	1	4	4	0
Novem ^r 25 th 1793	To Joseph Davis for wood to the school house				

Moses Drawn on Benjamin Abbot constable & collector		£	69	66
For the School houses last committed to him to collect amounting to		53	14	0
March	To Flag Bacon in part for 30 days work at the East Schoolhouse	X 1	18	6
11	To Flag Bacon in part for 30 days at 3/ per day at Schoolhouse	+ 2	6	11 1/4
Orders Drawn on William Meriam Town Treasurer for the charge				
18	Of building Schoolhouse			
	To Nathaniel Park for building a chimney in the Schoolhouse the	+ 1	2	0
	South part of said town near Col. Jones			
26	To John Page in part for 46 days work on the South Schoolhouse	X 6	3	6
April	5 To Nathaniel Whit in part for work at the Schoolhouse	+ 2	10	1
	Ditto in full for work at the Schoolhouse			
8	To David Wyman for work at the East Schoolhouse	+ 12	1	3
8	To Nathaniel Meriam for work at the Schoolhouse in part	+ 0	3	6
8	Ditto for work at the Schoolhouse in full	+ 0	10	5
8	To Joseph Conover for work & London for the Schoolhouse	+ 12	2	3
	in two orders one for 13 1/2 & 1/2 Ditto for 11/3 3/4			
8	To Joseph Conover for work and London for the South Schoolhouse	+ 1	4	6
	in two orders one for 4 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2			
8	To Col. Timothy Jones in part of his acct. for building	X 4	6	0
	the new East Schoolhouse			
9	To Nathaniel Page for work at the Schoolhouse Ditto 15/14	+ 1	9	1
9	To Nathaniel Page for work at the Schoolhouse Ditto 15/14	+ 1	9	1
9	To Capt. John Fay for the East Schoolhouse for material & London	+ 0	14	0
	in two orders one for 4 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2			
9	To Oliver Bacon for join for the East Schoolhouse	+ 6	3	7
9	To Benjamin Bacon for join for the East Schoolhouse	+ 1	4	0
9	To Benjamin Bacon for work and materials at the East Schoolhouse			
	amounting to 12 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 for which he has received two orders	X 12	17	6
	one for 11 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 another for 1 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2			
9	To Nathaniel Wyman for work for the East Schoolhouse	+ 0	15	8
9	To Moses Abbot for work and materials at the East Schoolhouse	X 1	18	2
9	To Timothy Lane for materials and work at the North Schoolhouse	+ 6	10	1
	in two orders for 10 pounds 10/8 viz one for 4 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2			
9	To Matthew Fitch for London found the North west Schoolhouse	+ 0	19	6
9	To Jonathan Lane for materials at the North west Schoolhouse	+ 0	19	0
9	To Moses Fitch for materials at the North west Schoolhouse			
	in two orders viz one for 1 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 Ditto 10 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2	+ 1	14	6
13	To David Lane for work at the North west Schoolhouse	+ 0	5	6
13	To David Lane for work at the Schoolhouse being 9 miles Lane part	+ 0	5	8
13	To David Lane for work at Schoolhouse	+ 1	9	11
13	To Bonding carpenter at work at the North west Schoolhouse	+ 0	14	6
13	To Samuel Lane Bonding carpenter at work at New Schoolhouse	+ 1	3	0
17	To John Webber jun for work at the Schoolhouse in part	+ 1	18	2
17	To John Page in part for work at the Schoolhouse	+ 0	6	1
17	To John Page in full for work at the Schoolhouse in two orders	+ 7	8	1
	viz one for 15 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2			
25	To John Webber jun work and material at the Schoolhouse in two orders	+ 8	0	0
	viz one for 7 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2			

27	Drawn on William Meriam Town Treasurer of the town of Bedford				
1793 April	To John W. Blaxter for work & materials at the school house				£ 5 4 0
	in two orders in full one for £ 11 16 0 & £ 0 8 4 2				
May 10	To Solomon Lane for work and materials at the school house				+ 7 4 4 2
May 16	To James Gleason for materials to the school house 36				+ 1 16 0 0
	& twelve shillings for wood at the school house				+ 2 8 0 0
27	To Thompson Bacon a late constable for				
27	William Meriam's account for building the South school house viz nineteen pounds 15/8 as was allowed him in his settlement with the select men on the same day of this date				+ 19 15 8 0
June 10	To Madew Dean for work at the school house				+ 0 10 3 0
18	To James Wright for materials at the west school house				+ 0 7 0 0
22	To Col. Timothy Gones in part of his account for the South west school house				+ 1 0 0 0
24	To David Vitch for materials at the East school house 39/10 and one shilling at the North west school house 1/ in two orders viz one for £ 5 1 2 & Dito for 9/8 1/4				+ 1 14 10
24	To Oliver Colman North west school house				+ 0 3 0 0
24	To Nathaniel Park for building a chimney in the East school house in two orders one for 12/6 the other 10/4				+ 1 2 6 0
24	To William Moore for work at the East school house in two orders viz one for 14/3 & Dito for 4/3				+ 0 18 6 2
Sept 16	To Stephen Hart well for cash paid A. L. Cook for materials at the west school house				+ 2 11 0 0
	To cash paid A. L. Cook for materials for the west school house 12 shillings for two journeys to Concord				+ 1 0 8
Dec 9	To Thomas Dean for work at the East school house				+ 0 6 0 0
9	To James Willson in two orders for work at the school house viz one for £ 3 11 2 & the other £ 0 8 4 2				+ 0 19 6
	To Joseph Park for work at the East school house				+ 0 3 3 0
10	To Col. Timothy Gones in part of his acct. of school house				+ 0 16 3 1
10	To James Gones for material at the South west school house				+ 0 11 0 1
11	To Col. Timothy Gones in part of his house account				+ 0 6 0 0
11	To Col. Timothy Gones in part pay of his school house acct.				+ 2 14 2 1
12	To John Moore for material & work at the school house				+ 1 3 0 0
31	To Col. Timothy Gones in part of his school house acct.				+ 0 15 10 0
January 29th 1794	To Abner Wheeler for the window frame for the South west school house 18/ & carpenter work 60/				+ 3 18 0 0
February 6	To Col. Timothy Gones on his acct. for building South west school house				+ 3 13 7 3
6	To William Meriam for one day's work at South west school house				+ 0 2 8
21	To Col. Timothy Gones in full for his acct. of building school house				+ 4 8 2
21	To John W. Blaxter for clothing wood and provision for journey and Abigail Johnson from the first day of January 1794 up to March 1794				+ 4 10 8 0
26	To Thompson Bacon for account from Ebenezer Meriam for cash paid him towards building the South west school house the above so				+ 9 3 8 0

carried to next page this last order is Booked in the next page.

24	Wells Drawn on William Miniam Town Treasurer of the town of Bedford	68			
24	Is Doris Amariah Pifton for doctwring wid goodail	+	3	0	0
24	Is Jorish Davis for Boarding wid Hapet from the north day of Decr 1793 to 4 th day of March 1794 live weake & 5 th part in your order for one for 24/8 out 21/12 to 12/12 to 3/12	-	3	0	0
24	Is John Welber for Sawker as a p ^r for two days & half and as clerk and other writing and record	-	0	18	0
		+	2	14	0
26	Is William Miniam for twelve dayes of refreshing & taking in voice of Sawker as Treasurer 48/ to Boarding the school bristly Eight weake & 1/6 per week 36/	+	6	14	0
26	Is William Hart well for two old cows heads	+	0	2	0
26	Is Nathaniel Brown attendance at the council three dayes	+	0	9	0
26	Is Thos page for Attendance at the council & Soudmarchiler	+	1	3	1
26	Is Eliab Lane for winging the Bell & sweeping meeting house	+	0	0	0
26	Is Jeremiah Titch for the Soudmarchiler 30/6 and 2/4 Expense of if comonities of council & of Carlisle Road 2 1/4	+	2	11	11
26	Is Thompson Bacon for ten dayes taking thin wood & apeting	+	0	0	0
26	Is Thompson Bacon for cash he let Elihu Pennamann have as appears by said Pennamann receipt for the use of building the South West School house	+	9	5	8
26	Is David Bacon for his wife attending the council 6 dayes	+	0	9	0
March	Is Thoms page for Soudmarchiler for the council	+	1	0	0
1	Is David page on his out of council	+	3	1	8
1	Is David page in full of his account for keeping & supplying the council	+	2	18	6
1	Is John Welber for two dayes at Carlisle of Expense of half day omitted & writing warrants for March Meeting 1784	+	0	12	0
1	Is John Miniam for two dayes at Carlisle & 3/4 per day 6/2 At the Four and Seven June 24 June	+	0	10	7

69) 1793 Brought from pag 56
Decr 6th William Meriam Town Treasurer credited

Then received of William Meriam Treasurer of said
a receipt signed by y^e Late w^{or} Joseph Penniman
for the sum of Sixty Six pounds 13/4 in full for his
Salary up to the 22^d day of May 1793 - - - £ 66^{..} 13^{..} 14
on said day received of D. Treasurer in order Fifty
four pound: five Shilings three pence & three farthings } 64^{..} 5^{..} 3^{..}
and one receipt from Samuel Wilder for keeping school - 2^{..} 8^{..} 0^{..}
and another order from Selyl Potter for keeping school - 1^{..} 8^{..} 0^{..}
and for time and Expence (and paying for to the lawer
at September term at concord court in 1793 & at Cambridge
term in November & December 1793 four pounds 15/3 - - - 4^{..} 15^{..} 3
this last Expence was incurred in consequence of Gemine &
Abigail Johnson
and also y^e charge to D. Meriam in David page constable } 0^{..} 16^{..} 0^{..}
as returned and charged to D. Treasurer for disbursement

Decr 6 on said day received of William Meriam Treasurer in } 4^{..} 2^{..} 3
order four pound: two Shilings & two pence - }
and on said day credited D. Treasurer this tune pound: Six
Shilings eight pence half penny & being for the Support } 13^{..} 6^{..} 8^{..}
& Expence of Abigail & Gemine Johnson & Carlisle
Bridg & two gunnys to middlton & Danvers

January 1794 2 Then received of William Meriam Town Treasurer } 10^{..} 16^{..} 10^{..}
The sum of ten pound: sixteen Shilings ten pence }
two farthings in order & ac^t

11th 1794 Then received of William Meriam Treasurer } 3^{..} 3^{..} 12^{..} 7^{..}
of said town in order Fifty three pound:
twelve Shilings & seven pence in part of Tassie
committed to him - - - of the Treasurers
also received on said day a receipt of Col^l
Timothy Jones for money he the said Timothy
payed to Mr Perkins for preaching seven
Sabbath in the town of Bedford, ten pounds 10/) 10^{..} 10^{..} 0^{..}

24 Then received of William Meriam Treasurer in } 25^{..} 4^{..} 9^{..}
order the sum of twenty five pound: 4/9 1/4 }
in part of Tassie committed to him

March 6th 1794 William Meriam late Town Treasurer in settling
with the Selectmen returned in a receipt of Mr Joseph
Penniman, which receipt is in full - - - 29^{..} 11^{..} 9^{..} 2^{..}

William Meriam late Town Treasurer in reckoning with the selectmen							
on the 6 Day of March 1794 returned the several persons there after							
named indebted to the town as set against their names				£	s	d	q
by the Heirs of Matthew Law, by Note of hand				2.	13	4	—
the Heirs of Samuel Whittaker Deceased. — by Note				2.	12	8	—
Georham F. Lane by his Note of hand				15	17	9	—
Capt. John Moore & Lieut. Elgar Davis by their Note of hand				1	10	0	—
Asa Tippet late Collector				3	9	9	3
Thaddeus Dean late Collector				2	6	4	1
the list of Elijah Bacon Deceased				5	2	7	1
the list of Ensign Job Lane Deceased				7	11	2	3
Joseph Conners jr late Collector				2	19	4	3
David Bacon late collector				4	8	4	1
Moses Abbott jr late Collector				17	14	8	1
Thompson Bacon late Collector				39	11	5	0
Capt. John Webber late Collector				1	53	6	10 1
The above sums were on the above D. day committed unto							
Mr. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer							
June 12 th 1794 Moses Fitch Clerk Treasurer for the town							
of Bedford ordered to receive of David Bacon the sum of				81	5	10	3
Eighty one pound five Shilling and ten pence three farthing							
November 26 th 1794 Moses Fitch treasurer for the town							
of Bedford ordered to receive of David Bacon the							
sum of four pounds Eight Shillings and six pence				4	8	6	0
Said sum was over run in the State and County taxes							
December 20 th 1794 Moses Fitch treasurer for the							
town of Bedford ordered to receive of David Bacon							
Collector the sum of one hundred and seventy four							
pounds ten Shillings and two farthings				174	10	0	2
and also to receive of D. Bacon the sum of							
two pounds one Shilling and four pence				2	1	4	0
it being the arrears of the highway rate							
January 1795 Mr. Moses Fitch Town treasurer							
charged with Edward Walkers Note of hand Dated							
January 26 th 1794 for the sum of twelve pounds 17 ¹ / ₂				12	16	7	2
He with Thad. Dean Note of the ^{the} sum and date				12	16	7	2
The above Notes were given for supporting Lemme							
and David Johnson from the 20 th of November 1792							
to the 24 day of October 1794							
March 2 nd 1795 Moses Fitch Treasurer for the							
town of Bedford ordered to receive of Elizabeth Stearns							
the sum of one hundred and two pounds 14 ³ / ₄				102	14	0	3
July 5 th 1794 Moses Fitch treasurer charged with							
the sum of ten pounds Eleven Shillings 17 ³ / ₄				10	11	7	3
it being the personal Estate of Mebekah Lane							
late of Bedford Deceased which sum is to be kept							
in the towns hands on Intrest for her Child John							
Heller; and to be delivered to him, when he shall							
arrive at full age with the Intrest, but if he shall							
not live to that age, then the money and Intrest							
is to be paid to the Brothers and Sisters of the said Mebekah Lane							

71
 M. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer ordered to Demand and receive of M. Elijah Stearns at the time allowed him by law the sum of — 502.22.4 and said tax is Dated November 26th 1795 and also the sum of two Dollars eight Cents eight mills it being over run in the State tax Dated November 26th 1795 — 2 26 8
 The 6th of 1796 M. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with Interest Received on Walker's Note 1 40 0

M. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in Reckoning with the Selectmen on the first day of February A.D. 1796 returned the Several persons here after named Incorrible to the town in the respective Sums Set against their names — — —
 Gershom Plagg Lane by his Note of hand 49 62 5
 Capt. John Moore & George Davis by their Note of hand 5 0 0
 Shaddeus Dean by his Note of hand — — 12 77 0
 Elijah Stearns Collector, the sum of — — 7 54 98 5
 The said Treasurer hath in his hands the sum of 90 08 2 which sum is in full of the Treasurers charge —
 March 3rd 1796 the Town Treasurer charged with the arrears of the Highway rate Dated May 27th 1795 — and it is committed to Elijah Stearns Coll^r 7 37 7
 May 12th 1796 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with ten dollars and fifty cents received of John Keedje for the old bellhop 10 50 0
 June 18th 1796 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of 3 54 2 it being over run in the County tax, and is committed to M. Elijah Stearns to collect —
 Sept. 12 M. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with fifty Cents received of John Keedje for the pigs that was a bundle the gallies at at the ordination — 0 50 0
 November 28th 1796 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of five dollars 54 Cts which sum is over run in the State and County tax, dated this day 5 54 —
 December 30th 1796 Mose Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of Eight Hundred and fifty Dollars and eighty three Cents — 850 83 the above sum is the Salary, and half of the Settlement Voted by the town to M. Stearns and Committed to Elijah Stearns to collect —
 December 31st 1796, Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of five hundred and twenty Dollars and eighteen Cents — 520 18 it being for the support of School and other town charges this year — and also the arrears of the highway rate — 18 11 the above sums are Committed to Elijah Stearns Collector, to collect —

Order Drawn on Mr. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in year 1792
 March 6th to William Meriam, it being a ballance due to him $\text{£} 5 - d - q$
 in settling with the Selectmen as Treasurer for Town $\text{£} 3 - 17 - 10 - 1$
 to Mr. Joseph Hartwell for five cord and half of wood $\text{£} 3 - 6 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. School in 1793 $\text{£} 2 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. John Webber jr. for boarding Mr. Minot 6 weeks
 at seven shillings per week $\text{£} 4 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. Samuel Hallowell for two cord of wood to get school $\text{£} 1 - 4 - 0 - 0$
 to Capt. Timothy Jones for boarding Master Lock 6 weeks
 at seven shillings per week in full $\text{£} 4 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. Joseph Lock for teaching school four months and
 an half in full - it is at 66/ per month $\text{£} 15 - 9 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. Oliver Reed jr. in part for boarding y^e widow Goodell $\text{£} 1 - 15 - 11 - 0$
 to Mr. Oliver Bacon for two cord and seven feet of wood to
 the East School house in 1794 in full $\text{£} 1 - 14 - 6 - 0$
 to Mr. John Minot for teaching school three months in
 town in 1793 $\text{£} 9 - 18 - 0 - 0$
 to Dr. Amariah Dexton for boarding the school master
 six weeks at 7/ per week in 1793 $\text{£} 2 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. John Meriam for boarding the school master 6 weeks in
 the year 1794 at 7/ per week in full $\text{£} 2 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. Moses Fitch 7/ for two cord of wood to the school and 3/6 for
 part of boarding y^e master $\text{£} 1 - 7 - 6 - 0$
 to Mr. David Lane for boarding the school master 6 weeks
 at 7/ per week and six shillings for carrying the master home $\text{£} 2 - 4 - 6 - 0$
 to William Stow for two old crows head $\text{£} 0 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 to Mr. Oliver Reed for boarding the widow Goodell from the
 eighteenth of may to the 22 of october 1793 - 22 1/2 weeks in full $\text{£} 0 - 19 - 2 - 0$
 to Capt. Moses Abbot for boarding the widow Goodell from the
 twenty second day of october to the third day of March in full $\text{£} 3 - 16 - 0 - 0$
 March 28th to Mr. Thompson Bacon for work and timber to the South
 School house 14/ and 30/ for his service as collector for y^e town in
 1792 and 6/8 for grain to Mr. Tappet, and 6/ for a journey to Medford $\text{£} 2 - 16 - 8 - 0$
 June 7th to Mr. David Page for money paid Mr. Daniel Stone
 for mearsh four sabbaths; which sum is in full $\text{£} 6 - 0 - 0 - 0$
 May 2nd 1794 to Joseph Heartwell on Josiah Davis and
 to Josiah Davis for boarding Mr. Tappet from the
 3 day of March to the 24 of April, in full $\text{£} 1 - 5 - 6 - 0$
 May 26th to William B. Meriam for four young crows ^{heads} $\text{£} 0 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 June 2nd to Dr. James Wright for 3 shillings for a copy of the
 the record of the way to Carlisle and for boarding Mr. Egging
 seven sabbaths 18/ $\text{£} 1 - 1 - 0 - 0$
 6 to Samuel Lane jr. for board the school master 8 weeks in 1793 $\text{£} 1 - 16 - 0 - 0$
 6 to Samuel Lane jr. for one old crows head $\text{£} 0 - 1 - 0 - 0$
 6 to Capt. Page for four old young crows heads $\text{£} 0 - 2 - 0 - 0$
 6 to Joseph Conner jr. for his service as collector in 1789 $\text{£} 1 - 10 - 0 - 0$
 June 16 to Mr. Moses Fitch for boarding Mr. Egging one sabbath 2/8
 and 17 paid at the post office for a letter from Mr. Egging $\text{£} 0 - 3 - 0 - 0$
 July 1st to Mr. Jonathan Lane in part for boarding
 the widow Goodell from 3 of March to May meeting $\text{£} 1 - 5 - 0 - 0$
 Septs to Samuel Fowle for one pair of shoes to Baby
 Abigail Johnson and mending another pair $\text{£} 0 - 9 - 8 - 0$

Orders Drawn on Moses Fitch Town Treasurer		S d	
1794 Sept 5 th	to James Gleason for two load of wood 10/ and three bushel and three pecks of indian Corn at 4/9 per bushel and two bushel and half of rice at 6/3 per bushel delivered to Abigail and Gemina Johnsons	2	5 8
Sept 11	to William Maxwell on Col. Timothy Jones account for his ferris in attending Court at Cambridge and Concord respecting the Johnsons Gaill in 1793	1	10 0
1	to Edward Stearns on Col. Jones account for attending Court at Cambridge and Concord respect the Johnsons Gaill	1	9 8
1	to Mr. Jonathan Lane for boarding the Schoolmistris 8 week at 5/ per week in 1794	1	8 8
1	to Mr. John Webber for boarding the Schoolmistris 8 week at 5/ per week in the year 1794	2	0 0
1	to William Meriam for boarding the Schoolmistris 8 week at 5/ per week in the year 1794	2	0 0
1	to Mr. James Lane for ringing the bell in 1794	2	0 0
3	to Dr. Amariah Parfitt for supplying the people with drink when engaged in clearing the road through cedar swamp	1	1 0
Sept 15	to Mr. Solomon Lane for provisions found the Johnsons Gaill viz 17 1/2 pounds of pork 19/6, one peck of beans 1/6 half bushel of potatoes 1/2 one pound of butter 1/2 ham 1/2	1	2 -
Sept 15	to Mr. Thompson Bacon for 10 lb of salt pork 7/10 and one peck of white beans 1/6 and one peck of potatoes 1/6 and for groceries to Lincoln three 12/ and two Camp bottles	1	18 2
Sept 16	to Dorcas Page for teaching the School in the west quarter of the town and boarding her self 80/ and also for teaching the School 8 week in the East quarter	1	12 10
Sept 16	to William Meriam for sundery articles necessary of life found the Johnsons Gaill from March 1794 to this date	1	0 0
Sept 16	to Lieut Eleazer Davis for supporting the Widow Goodell from the 30 of march to the first of sept instant in full with what Jon ^r Lane has had	1	11 7
October 6	to Eleazer Davis for an old Crows head	3	16 9
Nov 29	to Thaddeus Fitch in part for support of W ^{id} Goodell	0	1 0
29	to Thaddeus Fitch in part for support of W ^{id} Goodell	2	4
29	to Thaddeus Fitch in full for support of the Widow Goodell from the first day of Sept last to Nov 3 day	0	6 9
Decem 5 th	to William Page to Nine shillings on Thad Fitches account and 6/ for Grain to W ^{id} Thapst	0	0 10
5	to Capt. Webber for money paid and service done in defending the action with the town of Woburn	0	15 0
5	to William Meriam for money paid and service done in defending the action with the town of Woburn	8	0 5
5	to Col. Timo. Jones for money paid and time spent in attending to the action in law with Woburn	1	16 4
5	to Capt. John Webber for his service as Collector in the year 1793 - 120/ and for the abatement of North White rates 8/1 3/4 and also Capt. Webbers 12 1/4 and the W ^{id} Lydia Brooks 12 1/4	1	13 0
5	to Capt. John Webber for the town bounty to Job Webber and James Webber and Asa Webber for indistinctly as soldiers with the town in August 1794	6	8 6
24	to James Willson for his attendance at Court 4 days at Cambridge on the Johnsons Gaill	2	14 0
January 12	1795 to Mr. Thompson Bacon for paying Mr. Elsie Pennington 1.4.7. p in full for his account for busb	0	13 4
	and the rest of his account for busb and also for his account for busb	9	10 7

others Drawn on Moses Fitch town Treasurer
 January 12, 1795 to Mr. Asa Tappet on Thomas Deans
 account for Supporting Femina & Abigail Johnsons $\pm 3..1..9..2$
 to Capt. Webber on Thomas Deans account for sup-
 porting Femina and Abigail Johnsons in full $\pm 2..0..1..8$
 to Mr. Asa Tappet for Joseph Merton's taxes in the
 year 1781, 2 $\pm 0..6..0..1$
 to Dr. Amariah Weston for boarding; and horse
 keeping; of Candidates ten weeks, and half $\pm 4..16..6..0$
 to William Kemmer for enlisting as a Soldier for $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 to Capt. David Reed on William Lawrence's account
 at being the town's bounty, to him as a Soldier $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 to John Menard for enlisting as a Soldier for $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 to John Bee, jr. for enlisting as a Soldier for $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 to Eleazer Davis, jr. for enlisting as a Soldier for $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 February 16, 1795 to Mr. Jonas Gleason for Meal 12 $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 one load of wood of delivered to the Johnsons for $\pm 0..18..0..0$
 to Capt. John Webber for clothing to the Johnsons
 quirts 18/ and 6/6 for the abatement of Abigail
 Johnson's poll tax and 6/2 for John Lane's highway
 rate abated, and 20/ for four days in take the actual
 Survey on Concord, Lincoln, Billerica, and Woburn
 lines, and 6/ for one day to Woburn to settle with them $\pm 16..8..2$
 to Mr. Samuel Lane, jr. for damages by Carlisle's $\pm 0..0..0$
 to Mr. David Page for boarding several candid-
 ates 2 weeks, and two days $\pm 3..8..6..0$
 to Dr. James Wright for boarding Mr. Haymowles
 five weeks at 10/ per week $\pm 2..10..0..0$
 to Esq. Reed for boarding candidates 10 weeks $\pm 6..0..0..0$
 to Capt. John Moore on Elisha Pennington's
 account for building the west school house in $\pm 0..3..0..0$
 to Mr. Thomas Page for boarding Mr. Fisher
 four weeks at 12/ per week $\pm 2..8..0..0$
 to Capt. David Reed for assisting one day
 in taking the actual survey $\pm 0..5..0..0$
 to Mr. Moses Abbott, jr. 4/6 for Abner Wheeler's rates
 abated for the year 1792 and Benja. Wheeler's rates
 rates, abated 2/3 for 2 years and Jonathan Tating
 -ham rates abated for the same year 4/0 $\pm 0..10..4..2$
 to David Bacon 4/ in full for his service as constable
 in the year 1791 and also for John Hardness rates abated
 Qu's and Lydia Brooks 1/4 and Samuel Angers 1/4
 and William Muncie highway rate 1/6 $\pm 1..4..6..0$
 March 2 to Thompson Bacon for 1/2 days service as an assessor $\pm 3..2..6..0$
 and for six days service in superintending the lines of the town and
 the actual survey and some other service 2 1/6 $\pm 1..3..11..0$
 to Thompson Bacon for the abatement of sundry persons small $\pm 1..15..0..0$
 to Solomon Lane service as an assessor 8/3 in the year 1794 $\pm 1..15..0..0$
 to William Meriam for 17 days service as an assessor 6/8 and
 two pounds, seventeen shillings, 10 for his service as town clerk $\pm 6..5..10..0$
 to Jeremiah Fitch for the selectmen and committee, 1794 $\pm 2..10..0..0$
 to Moses Fitch for his service as Treasurer for the town in 1794 $\pm 2..10..0..0$
 to Eliza Lane for hanging the Bell and superintending the meeting $\pm 1..0..0..0$

75	Orders Drawn on Moses Fitch Treasurer	L.S. &c
March 6	to Mr. Oliver Pollard in full for damages sustained by the Carlisle Road	+ 5 0 0
6	to Mr. James Lane; in full for damages sustained by the Carlisle road	+ 5 0 0
6	to Mr. Samuel Lane; in full for damages sustained by the Carlisle Road	+ 3 6 0
6	to Mr. Stephen Lane; in full for damages sustained by the Carlisle Road	+ 7 10 0
6	to Dr. Amariah Preston; in full for damages sustained by the Carlisle road	+ 5 0 0
6	to Mr. Samuel Lane jr in on Jonathan Lanes account in grant for boarding of Wid Goodell	2 4 50
6	to Mr. Jonathan Lane in full for boarding the Wid Goodell from the 3 day of November to 2 day of ^{March 1795}	2 7 60
6	to Dr. Amariah Preston for boarding the school master six weeks and 4/8 and 5/ for his going home	2 13 00
6	to Mr. David Lane for boarding the school master six week at 8/ per week in full	+ 2 6 00
6	to Mr. Oliver Pollard for wood to the school 8/8 and 6/8 for work at the bell	+ 0 15 50
6	to Timothy Jones Esqr for boarding the school master six weeks at 8/ per week; and 6/ for going to Woburn, and 5/ for to carry the master home	3 8 00
11	to Joseph Messinger for teaching school 5 months	+ 9 18 00
26	to Mr. Moses Fitch for 16 feet of wood to the west school house and 6/ shillings for boarding Mr. Fitch	1 14 00
26	to William Meriam for boarding the school master eight weeks in 1795	+ 2 8 00
26	to John Wilber jr for boarding the school master eight weeks in 1795	+ 2 8 00
26	to David Fitch for 20 1/2 feet of wood to the school for a fire place 6/ to the school house; and for a stool for the master	+ 2 1 00
April 7	to Mr. Samuel Heartwell for 8 feet of wood to the west school house	+ 0 14 00
7	to Joseph Heartwell for wood to the South School 3 1/6 and 3/ for salt pork to the John for Gains; and 4/6 for bringing the school mistress to town in 1794	2 6 00
7	to Joseph Colver for one days service on the actual survey	5 0 0
7	to John Reed jr for Int. lft money due to him from the town on a Note of hand given to Lt John Meriam	+ 1 2 92
14	to Joseph Heartwell for one old crows head	+ 0 1 00
23	to Luke Lane for work done at the Carlisle road 15/ 2 3/4 and 27/ in grant for setting up the rail fence in his fathers meadow	+ 2 2 23
23	to Thomas Page for 12 3/4 feet of wood to y ^e school	+ 1 2 90
May 6	to Mr. Samuel Lane for one old crows head	+ 0 7 00
11	to Mr. Flag Bacon for indisting for the town in the year 1794	+ 0 16 00
11	to Sampson Spraulding for indisting for the town in the year 1794	+ 0 16 00
26	to William Maxwell for four days service as an Endorser at Cambridge Court in the year 1794	+ 0 13 00
July 1	to Mr. Mose Abbot jr for boarding the wid Goodell from the second day of March last to the	49 5 11 0

November 13th, 1794

Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in orders
the sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds $1\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ £ 116..1..2..3
also on said day received in several Receipts for ^{rent} ~~precat~~ - 42..0..0..0
also on said day received two receipts for teaching School - 5..8..0..0

February 2nd Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Treasurer
in orders and receipts the sum of one hundred
and thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and four pence £ 113..14..4..0

April 23rd, 1795 Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Treasurer
in orders and Receipts the sum of sixty one pounds
three shillings and two pence in part - £ 61..3..2..0

February 5th, 1796 Received of Mr. Moses Fitch
Town Treasurer in orders and Receipts the sum of
one hundred and sixty nine pounds eight shillings
and nine pence in part - £ 169..8..9..0

February 5th, 1796 the Selectmen took in to their
hand from the Treasurer a Note of hand of
Mathew Laws the sum of - £ 2..13..4..-
and also two Notes of Samuel Whitaker to the sum 2..12..8..-
and also a List given to Mr. Thaddeus Dean - 2..6..4..1
and also a List given to Mr. Elijah Bacon - 5..2..7..1
and also a List given to Mr. Job Lane in the sum 7..11..2..3

September the 5 day A.D., 1796
Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer
in orders and receipts the sum of - £ 495..-
four hundred and Ninety five Dollars and
thirty five Cents, in part of his charge £ 495..35..0

February 28th, 1797 Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Town
Treasurer in orders and receipts the sum of
one hundred and forty six Dollars 10 Cents $\frac{1}{2}$ £ 146..10..9

~~Received of Mr. Moses Fitch~~
August 26th, 1797 Received of Moses Fitch
Treasurer in orders and receipts the sum of
£ 1049..94..3
- which sum is in part -

January 4th, 1798 Received of Mr. Moses Fitch
Treasurer the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty
five Dollars and Eight five Cents and three
mills in part of his charge £ 385..85..3

May 7th, 1798 Received of Mr. Moses Fitch
Treasurer the sum of Nine hundred and
fifty nine Dollars and twenty two Cents
in part of his charge - £ 959..22

January 15th, 1799 Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Treasurer
in orders and Notes and receipts the sum of
Six Hundred and Ninety Dollars & 8 cents £ 619..08

47	1795	Volers Drawn on Moses Litch Treasurer	5	0	0
		July 1 to Nathaniel Page for one days service on the			
		actual Survey		4	0
5		to Oliver Reed jr in part for boarding the			6
		wid. Trappett from 23 of Nov. 1794 to the 10 of May 1795	10	6	0
9		to W. Oliver Reed jr in full for boarding the			
		wid. Trappett to this date		2	6
		Sept. 17 to Capt. John Lane, for completing the fence			5
		on the South Side of Mr. Job Lane meadow		1	7
17		to Capt David Reed for supporting the widow			0
		Goodell in part from the 6 day of May A.D. 1795		2	15
		to the 14 day of Sept. following			0
17		to Capt David Reed for supporting the widow			
		Goodell in full from the 6 day of May 1795 to		2	9
		the 14 day of Sept. A.D. 1795			0
17		to M. Luke Lane for assisting for the town in			
		in the year 1794 - as bounty		0	18

		Deem's to Dr Amariah Prester for paint guide box	4	0	0
1		to Dr James Wright for boarding minister			
		on Sun days 150 Cents, and 83, 3 for wood	2	33	3
1		to Dr Thad. Davis, for boarding and paying			
		Naby Muzzey for teaching a School in 1795	4	0	0
1		to Mr Jonathan Lane for boarding the School			
		mistress eight weeks in the west quarter	4	8	0
1		to John Meriam for boarding the School mistress			
		Eight weeks, in the East quarter in 1795	4	8	0
1		to John Reed jr for boarding the School mistress			
		Eight weeks in 1795 in the middle of the town	4	8	0
1		to Mr. Devas Page for teaching School 24 weeks	24	0	0
1		to Timothy Jones Esq. for boarding the School mistress			
		and his daughter teaching a School	16	0	0
1		to Mr. William Page, for one half bushel of Corn to wit Trappett	10	50	0
1		to Timothy Jones Esq. for boarding Mr. Mandel three			
		weeks and three days at 183 1/3 per week	6	33	3
14		to Josiah Conover on Josiah's wife, account for			
		boarding the widow Trappett 3 weeks at 5 1/4 per week	2	66	6
14		to Thompson Bacon for work done at the highway			
		being called on by the Surveyor over his highway rate	70	33	3
17		to Mr. Eliza Davis for boarding the wid. Goodell	41	4	1
22		to John Libbey for boarding the School mistress	48	0	0
22		to David Bacon in full, for his service as Collector			
		in the year 1794	17	75	0
		January 18, 1796 to Jonathan Ball for a pair of			
		Shoes to Mrs Goodell	0	88	8
		February 1, to Mr. James C. Jones, 16 1/4 in full, for building			
		the West School house and 4 1/2 for work to wit Trappett	3	41	6
1		to Mr. Thompson Bacon for one day and half surveying			
		the ground of one day putting up pole post 6 1/2 to a journey	3	33	3
		township 3/4 to a journey to Cambridge			
1		to Mr. David Lane for eight guide boards and hiring	2	22	2

Orders Drawn on Moses Smith Treasurer 1796		
February 1, to James C. Jones for Park toward Tupper	1	45 3
to Mr. David Bacon for the abatement of John Blanchard's sons rates ^{abated}	+ 1	45 0
to Mr. David Titch, for a chair to the Schoolhouse	+ 1	0 0
to Mr. Samuel Lane for one Guide post 17 1/2 and 1 dol lar and 82 1/2 for damage sustained by the Carlisle roads going through his neck fields in fall	+ 2	56 9
to Mr. Thompson Bacon for money paid on Mr. Caleb Dairies account	+ 0	58 1/2
to Mr. Stephen Heartwell for transporting the mistletoe Mr. Henry Stearns in the year 1795	+ 1	11 1
to Mr. Phineas Chamberlen for a spike for a guide	+ 0	33 3
to Capt. Page for two Guide post 150 and one day on the lines 1100 and 100 cents to ^{the 2nd}	3	50 0
to Capt. Webber for three days service on the ^{of the 2nd}	3	0 0
March 2, to Mr. Moses Titch for his service as Treasurer	11	50 0
to Mr. Solomon Lane for his service as an assessor four days at 100 cents per day and 2 days taking Invoice	+ 6	50 0
to Mr. Thompson Bacon for 13 days service as an assessor or 13 Dollars, and two Dollars of the town of Becket	+ 23	16 6
to William Merriam for 1 1/2 days and half service at one dollar per day, and his service as clerk in 1795	+ 26	50 0
to Mr. Jeremiah Titch for expenses at his house	+ 4	5 5
to Master Joseph Tilton for teaching at school in the east South, and west School House 12 weeks	+ 40	0 0
to Mr. Asa Lasset for boarding the schoolmaster six weeks 10 dollars, and ten feet of wood to the west school	3	33 3
and one pair of shoes to Mr. Lasset 1 Dollar 25 cents	+ 14	50 8
to Mr. Stephen Heartwell for six week board of the master	+ 10	0 0
to Mr. Otis Prentiss for teaching school sixteen weeks	+ 60	0 0
to Nathaniel Page for boarding the schoolmaster six weeks	+ 10	0 0
to Jonas Gleason for twenty two feet of wood to the West School	+ 7	33 3
to David Lane for boarding the master six weeks at 10	+ 10	0 0
to Moses Titch for 17 feet of wood to the west school	+ 5	66 6
to Nath. Wyman jr for boarding the wid. Goodell from the 21 day of Sept. last to the 7 of March 1796	+ 25	0 0
to Dr. Wright for 4 feet of wood to the school in 1795	+ 1	33 3
April 26, to Dr. Wright for his labor taking care at the meeting house the last year	+ 1	0 0
to Mr. Moses Abbott jr for supporting Mr. Goodell nine weeks in full	+ 7	75 0
to Esq. Mead for supporting several candidates and their horses from the 3 day of March 1795 to the 27 day of April 1796 in full	+ 76	24 0
to Mr. Solomon Lane for boarding Mr. Stearns four weeks at 14 1/2 per week	+ 9	33 0
May 31 to John Merriam for boarding the schoolmaster six weeks and finding 15 feet of wood for the school	+ 11	66 6
to William Webber for his service at the ordination	+ 2	0 0
to Mr. Moses Abbott jr for his service at the ordination	+ 2	0 0
to John Webber for his service at the ordination	+ 3	33 3

Sept. 12, 1796	to Joseph Heartwell for 25 feet of wood to the School last winter	\$ 8	33
12	to John Webber jr for the abatement of John Hoyners taxes	\$ 0	10
12	to John Page for his attending at the ordination, and mending the lock of the door to the meeting	\$ 1	67
12	to Capt Goodrich for his Servis at the ordination	\$ 1	50
12	to Mr William Maxwell for the Supporting of Mrs Goodell from the 12 day of May to the 12 day of Sept.	\$ 13	84
12	to Mr Oliver Reed jr for the Support of Mrs Chappit from the 12 day of November 1795 to the Second day of June 1796	\$ 31	00
12	to Mr John Webber jr for boardling the School mistress 6 weeks at 1.06/16 per week	\$ 7	00
26	to Stephen Heartwell for boardling the School mistress 8 weeks, and for conveying Master Daffton home	\$ 11	39
Oct. 20	to Dorcas Page for teaching School 24 weeks, and boardling her self 8 weeks	\$ 37	33
Nov. 7	to David Bacon for work done at the New road over his taxes	\$ 1	77
7	to Capt John Moore for in part for moving the South wall that Mr Job Lane agreed to move on his land against the New road	\$ 9	00
7	to Dr Amariah Daffton for doctoring the wife of Goodell 2 Dollars and 65 cents and to wife of Daffton	\$ 3	37
21	to Mr Jonathan Lane for boardling the School mistress 8 weeks in 1796	\$ 9	33
27	to Mrs Merriam for boardling with Goodell 8 weeks and two days 7/12 and for four yards of green baze	\$ 9	52
Dec. 23, 1797	to Mr Elijah Stearns for his Servis as Collector, in full for 1795	\$ 18	50
23	to Mr Moses Abbot jr for his Servis as Constable in the year 1796	\$ 2	00
23	to Mr Minervas Chamberlain for a linguel and tongue to the South School house and for nail to put up the guide post	\$ 2	83
23	to Abner Mearns in full for a beer	\$ 0	50
March 2, 1798	to Mr Moses Fitch for his Servis as a school teacher in 1796, ten Dollars and for a pair of shoes to Mr Goodell 108 Cents	\$ 11	8
2	to Mr Solomon Lane for six days and 1/2 of a day as an assessor in 1796	\$ 6	83
2	to Mr Thompson Bacon for his Servis sixteen days and one half as an assessor	\$ 16	49
2	to Jeremiah Fitch for the Selectmen, Examines at his house	\$ 5	85
2	to William Merriam for 13 1/2 days Servis as an assessor and for his Servis as a Clerk the	\$ 32	00

1897 Orders drawn on Naps Patch headman 8
 April 3 to William Webber for his services
 Constable for the town of Lathrop 2 00
 to Oliver Reed for boarding the wid Good
 -ell 16²/₃ at one Dol. & 42 cents per week + 23 62 0
 to Capt Moore for making the wall that Mr.
 Lane undertook to make which is in full + 11 50 0
 to Thacker Dean for 21 feet of wood to the school + 8 75 0
 to Abner Stearns for teaching a school six weeks
 and boarding him self + 37 50 0
 to William Merriam for ten feet of wood to school + 4 50 0
 to John Wright in part for teaching school + 31 50 0
 to John Wright in full for teaching school and
 boarding him self + 72 00 0
 to Capt Page for 8 feet of wood to the school
 and also for 58 cents due to him from D. town + 3 58 0
 to Dea Wright for sweeping and taking care of
 the meeting house in 1796 + 4 00 0
 to Naps Patch for sixteen feet of wood to the school + 6 69 0
 to Mr. James Fowles for teaching a school six weeks
 in the South district and boarding him self + 34 50 0
 May 1 to Thomas Pyge for twenty cord of wood to
 the Rev. W. Stearns in full for the past year + 64 69 0
 to Mr. Oliver Pollard for 24 feet of wood to the school + 10 00 0
 to Mr. Thompson Bacon for going to Concord to attend
 to William Merriam for carrying out the surveyors list
 and sawing Josiah Hill, and clearing David, p. + 1 00 0
 to John Merriam for boarding the school ma-
 -dam 8 weeks the last year 2 G. 33- and 50 cents
 for fetching a cord of wood to the South school + 9 83 0
 June 2 to Mr. Oliver Reed for boarding Mrs Good
 -ell from the 6 day of March to the 13 day of May + 10 24 0
 July 3 to Nathl. Page for the boarding of the
 school maddam two weeks in the year 1796 + 2 33 0
 to James C. Jones for support of the wid
 Tasset 36 week in full to this date + 41 42 0
 Sept 18 to W. Moses Abbott for supporting the
 the wid. Goodell half the time from May 40 56 0
 18 to W. Josiah Hill for support of Mrs Goodell to
 in full to this date + 10 58 0
 18 to Mr. James C. Jones for boarding Mrs Tasset
 eleven weeks, to this date + 11 00 0
 Nov 15 1797
 to Pamela Wyman for teaching a school
 eight weeks in the East quarter of D. town + 10 00 0
 to John Webber for boarding the school
 mistress 8 weeks in 1797 carried to page 83 + 10 00 0

Rates for the year 1796

June 18 th 1796 Committed unto M ^r . Elijah Stearns Collector for D ^o town a County tax the sum	61	10	2	6
to pay to the county treasurer the sum of	67	56		
to pay to the town treasurer	3	54		
November 28 th 1796 Committed unto Elijah Stearns collector for D ^o town a State Tax No 13 the sum of two hundred, 25 Dollars	256	53		
and included in it a County tax 225.99 Cents				
to pay to the State Treasurer	225	00		
to pay to the County Treasurer	25	99		
to pay the town treasurer	5	54		
December 30 th 1796 Committed unto Elijah Stearns Collector the Minister Tax the sum of	450	83		
December 31 st 1796 Committed unto Elijah Stearns a town tax the sum of	520	10		
and the arrears of the Highway rate 9 th Cents	18	11		

Rates for the year 1797

November 23 rd Committed unto Capt. John Webber Collector for said town, a State and County Tax the sum of Three Hundred and sixteen Dollars 93 Cents	314	93		
to pay to the State Treasurer	225	00		
to pay to the County Treasurer	79	76		
to pay to the town Treasurer	10	17		
December 27 th 1797 Committed unto Capt. John Webber collector a Town Tax the sum of	641	20		
December 28 th 1797 Committed unto Capt. John Webber, collector a tax called Minister Tax for this year, the sum of	831	32		
March 1 st 1798 Committed unto Capt. John Webber the arrears of the Highway Tax Dated April 13 th 1797	2	2		

Rates for the year 1798

January 20 th Committed unto Capt. John Webber Collector for said town, a State & County Tax the sum of 304.85	304	10		
to pay to the State Treasurer the sum of	225	00		
to pay to the County Treasurer the sum of	69	36		
to pay to the town Treasurer the sum of	9	54		
December 26 th 1798 Committed unto Capt. John Webber collector a town tax the sum of	690	39		
December 26 th 1798 Committed unto Capt. John Webber collector a tax called Minister Tax for the present year, sum of	210	53		
February 26 th 1799 Committed unto Capt. John Webber collector the arrears of the Highway Tax	7	9		
June 29 th 1799 Committed unto Capt. John Webber collector the Minister Tax - sum of	414	36		

August 28, 1797 M^{rs} Moses Fitch Town Treasurer
charged with the Interest of M^{rs} Thacker Deans Note
8 Capt^r Moores, and A Deaver Davins Note 8 6. 97.0

M^{rs} Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in reckoning with
the Selectmen on the fourth day of January
A^d 1798 returned the several persons hereafter
named indebted to the Town in the respective sums
set against their names —
viz, George Smith Lane by his Note of hand — 19 62
Frederick Dean by his Note of hand — 19 77
The Treasurer M^{rs} Moses Fitch hath in his hands the
Sum of one Hundred ninety seven Dollars 26 Cents
— of the towns money — 197 26
Capt^r John Webber Collector for the town for 1797
— the sum of — 1482 69
March 3, 1798 Moses Fitch charged with the arrears of
the Highway Tax — 2 26

M^{rs} Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in reckoning with
the Selectmen on the fifteenth day of January
A^d 1799 returned the several persons hereafter
named indebted to the Town in the respective sums
set against their names —
viz, George Smith Lane by his Note of hand — 68 80
Frederick Dean by his Note of hand — 19 77
The Treasurer hath in his hands in money — 103 47
Capt^r John Webber Collector for the town in 1798 — 11 05 50
February 28, 1799 Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
with the arrears of the Highway Tax to the sum of 7 95
Darius is committed to Capt^r Webber collector to collect
February 28, 1799 Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
with the Interest received on Thacker Deans Note 4 16
June 29, 1799 Moses Fitch Treasurer charged ~~with~~
with the sum of four Hundred and fourteen Dollars
and thirty six cents, it being the Minister Tax for
the present year — — — — — 414 36

November 27, 1799 Moses Fitch Treasurer char-
ged with the Sum of fourteen Dollars 89 cents
it being overran in the State and County taxes 14 97
December 13, 1799 Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
with the town taxes, viz, to defray the ordinary
charges of the town and for the support of Schools
the Sum of Six Hundred and twenty Dollars, 61 cts 620 61
February 26, 1800 Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
with the arrears of the Highway Tax Paid last April 6 86
and also with the overran of a former Tax 1 46
and also with what Allie Moore has not over and
above her clothing this year past — — — — 1 65
June 27, 1800 M^{rs} Moses Fitch Treasurer charged with
the Sum of four Hundred and thirty seven Dollars and
thirty four cents — it being the new M^{rs} Samuel Deaver
for the present year — — — — — 427 34

83	Orders drawn on Moses Titch Treasurers	
	December 10 to William Merriam for boarding	8
	the school mistress 8 weeks	+ 10
	December 10 to Timothy Jones Esq for boarding the	
	school mistress 8 weeks	+ 10
2	to Samuel Lane for boarding the school	
	mistress 8 weeks	+ 10
2	to Jeremiah Titch for boarding the school	
	mistress 8 weeks	+ 10
2	to Mr Oliver Pollard for ferrying the	
	school mistress home	+ 1
27	to Polly Lawrence for teaching school 16	
	weeks in the year 1797	+ 20
	January 4. 1798 to Elijah Stearns for his services as	
	a collector for the town in the year 1796	+ 20
4	to Mr. Elijah Stearns for the abatement of several	
	persons taxes for the year 1796	+ 5
March 1.	to Stephen Lane for land to the ^{road} farther	+ 2
	to Mr. W. Jones by lease for 12 cord of wood to the	
	Meo. Samuel Stearns	+ 26
	to Capt. Almer Stearns for four cord of wood	
	to the Meo. Samuel Stearns	+ 9
	to Capt. Page for two cord of wood to the	
	Meo. Samuel Stearns	+ 5
	to Capt. Goodridge for two cord of wood to the	
	Meo. Samuel Stearns	+ 5
	to Moses Abbott Jr for supporting the wid	
	Goodell from Sept. meeting last to the fifth	
	of this instant March in full	+ 32
	to Elijah Stearns for the abatement of	
	of several small taxes	+ 00
	to Matthew Pollard for boarding the school	
	master six weeks in 1798	+ 7
	to Dr. Preston for boarding the school master	
	six weeks, 8 d and to Miss Goodell 175 cents	+ 8
	to Capt. Stearns for three cords of wood to	
	the school	+ 6
	to Jonas Gleason for one cord of wood to school	+ 2
	to Capt. Page for one cord and an half of wood	
	to the school	+ 3
	to William Webber for two cord of wood to school	+ 4
	to Moses Abbott Jr for one cord of wood to the school	+ 2
	to William Hawthell for 5 feet of wood to school	+ 1
	to Capt. Page for four feet of wood to the school	+ 1
	to Capt. Mead for one cord of wood to school and	
	expenses at his house	+ 4
2	to John Fidel Wright for teaching school five	
	weeks in the East district and boarding him self	+ 31
3	to Jeremiah Titch for select men expenses at his house	+ 3
3	to Moses Titch for ferrying as Treasurers the list of names	+ 9

Officers Drawn on Moses Titch Treasurers - 84
 March 3, 1798 to Mr. Thompson Bacon for his services
 as an officer 10 1/2 days and one day to Boston - + 12 50
 to William Merriam for his services as an officer 11
 days 11 1/2, and one journey to Boston 2 1/2, and for
 his services as Clerk the last year 13 Dollars - + 28 10
 to David Stone for helping Stone with the bell + 6 33
 to Capt. Reed for select men, expenses at his house + 1 50
 to John S. Wright for teaching the South school
 in the South district and boarding him self - + 31 12
 to Thad. Dean for supporting Abigail Johnson
 from August 24, 1797 to this date in full \$30.
 and also for doctoring 50 cents - + 31 13
 to Solomon Bacon for the abatement of the
 Poll tax, through the taxes for last year - + 2 17
 to Jeremiah Titch for taking care of the meeting
 house, and sweeping the same, the year passed - + 3 00
 to Thad. Titch for 10 feet of wood to the
 South school - + 3 17
 to James C. Jones for supporting the widow
 Thad. twenty four weeks to march meeting in full - + 28 00
 to John Merriam for a journey to Newbury and
 for clothing to pack Lane's family - + 7 85
 to James C. Jones for supporting the
 widow Thad. in full to this date - + 4 80
 to W. Thad. Titch for getting Jeremiah T.
 James Note changed - - - - - + 1 50
 to James Dean for supporting Abigail
 Johnson from the 22 day of March last to
 the 14 of May last in full - - - - - + 6 00
 to W. Thad. Dean for the Road going
 his land and moving his barn and filling
 his well &c as voted by the town, in full + 40 00
 to John Webster jr for supporting the
 widow Goodell from the 7 of May last to this date + 14 44
 to Thomas Dean for supporting Abigail
 Johnson from the 24 of May to this date + 12 08
 to James C. Jones for supporting the
 widow Thad. in full to this date - + 15 11
 to Capt. Jones for boarding the school master
 six weeks and one cord of wood to the school + 11 16
 to Moses Abbott for supporting the widow
 Goodell from the 15 of March to this date + 4 91
 to Capt. Page for purging the school
 mistress for eight weeks & schooling in the shift + 9 33
 to Mrs. Elizabeth Stearns for teaching school six weeks
 and boarding her self one week - + 25 50
 to Capt. Jones for carrying up wall - + 1 00
 to Capt. Jones for boarding and carrying the
 school mistress for eight weeks & schooling in the shift - + 12 38

87 217 less ~~Down~~ on Moses Fitch Town Treasurer 1790
 November 16 to M^r Thompson Bacon in part for
 his services as an assessor for the last year + 5
 Decm. 3 to M^r Moses Fitch for boarding and the
 schoolmistress 8 weeks and for school to M^r Goodell 9 3
 3 to M^r Simeon Parker for supporting the Negro Elder
 from the 9 day of July to the fifth of November + 5 4
 3 to John Webber for boarding the schoolmistress
 eight weeks the last summer + 6 8
 21 to Elizabeth Lane for same abatement of her
 taxes because of her being over taxed + 0 3
 31 to Capt Webb for the abatement of his Poll
 tax 2.17. and eleven cents to John Cooke and
 for his services as collector for the town the year past 22 2
 January 15 to M^r Goodell to Elizabeth Stearns for boarding of her
 self eight weeks, which teaching school + 8 0
 15 to William Meriam for boarding the schoolmistress
 four weeks + 2. and for one journey to Boston 2 2
 and for a bag to put the Poll in a cask + 16 2
 February 28 to William Webber for his services as an
 assessor else days and an half + 6 6
 28 to M^r Thompson Bacon for his services as an
 assessor for the last year in full + 6 2
 28 to William Meriam for his services as an assessor
 ten day and an half, and for his services Clerk + 24 6
 28 to Capt Reed for supporting the Negro Elder 4 weeks
 and for drink expended at the sale of wood and at
 the sale of the poor of the town the year past + 3 8
 28 to Capt Reed for the schoolmisters expenses at his house + 5 3
 28 to Moses Fitch for his services as treasurer + 1 0
 28 to James C. Jones in part for boarding
 the widow Chapet + 3 9
 28 to James C. Jones for supporting the widow
 Chapet in full to the fourth day of March + 22 1
 28 to M^r Joseph Webber in part for supporting
 the widow Goodell + 5 4
 28 to Joseph Webber for supporting the widow
 Goodell in full to the fourth of March next + 5 1
 28 to W^r Thaddeus Dean in part for supporting
 Abigail Johnson to this date + 6 9
 28 to W^r Jonas Gleason for eight cords of wood
 to the Rev. Samuel Stearns + 22 0
 28 to Dr. Amariah P. Stone for storing his goods + 2 8
 28 to Simeon Parker for supporting Elder Negro
 in full to the fourth of March next + 9 2
 28 to Stephen Lane for four cords of wood to
 the Rev. Samuel Stearns + 11 0
 28 to Moses Fitch for 2 cords, and 6 feet to M^r Schofield + 7 1
 28 to Simeon Parker for one cord of wood to M^r Schofield + 2 2
 28 to W^r Jonas Gleason for three cords of wood to school + 7 3
 28 to William Meriam for boarding the schoolmaster
 six weeks & per week and for one cord and half of wood + 12 0
 March 2 to Capt Stearns for three cords of wood to the school + 7 0
 2 to James C. Jones for boarding the schoolmaster + 8 0
 9 to Capt Reed for boarding the schoolmaster six

of votes drawn on Moses Titch for the year 1798
 March 2. to James Lane for four cords of wood
 to the Rev. Mr. Stearns and one to the school + 13 17
 to Josiah Hill for four cords of wood to the Rev
 Mr. Samuel Stearns + 11 00
 to Capt Goodridge for 273 feet of plank to the Bridge
 and for his services as Constable in waving three months + 5 50
 to Samuel Hamenway for teaching a school six weeks
 in the south quarter + 21 00
 to James Wright for painting ^{master} Gardner one week + 1 38
 to Samuel Hamenway for teaching a school
 six weeks in the East quarter + 21 00
 to Jeremiah Titch for taking care of
 the meeting house the last year + 3 00
 to John Fletcher for boarding the school master + 8 00
 to Matthew Pollard for boarding the school master + 7 50
 to Capt Goodridge for money he expended in blowing
 of stone in the town road + 4 00
 to Jonas Gleason for four feet of wood to the school + 1 33
 May 6. to James C. Jones for supporting the wid.
 Asaph from the 4 day of March to this date + 9 75
 to Jonas Gleason for supporting Abigail
 Johnson in full to this date + 12 48
 to Capt Webber for the abatement of John E.
 Moser taxes for the last year one dollar 15 cents
 and for his attendance two days on the Carlisle
 indictment, and his expenses, and two dollars to ^{Bigelow} + 5 77
 ne 18. to William Merriam for money he expended
 at Fort on the Carlisle road + 3 00
 to W. David Lane for work done at the School
 house in the middle of the town + 0 33
 to Capt Woodward in full for his taking Ebenezer
 and freeing the town from any further cost + 30 00
 to Dea Davis for the abatement of his ministerial
 in part, on account of what he paid at Cambridge + 20 00
 to John Lane in full for land the town purch.
 ed of Thomas Page to enlarge the burying ^{ground} + 8 00
 to William Maxwell for conveying the school
 master home in the year 1799 + 1 00
 August 29. to Thompson Bacon for boarding
 Abigail Johnson 23 weeks & 4 days + 18 65
 to Thompson Bacon for sundry services + 3 40
 to Thos. Dean in full for supporting
 Abigail Johnson to the 4 of March 1799 + 11 02
 to William Page for the abatement of ^{taxes} + 2 00
 to James Willson in part for ^{supp Goodell} supporting + 5 00
 to James Willson in full for supporting
 the wid. Goodell to May 6; 1799 + 5 00

- 47 Orders drawn on Moses Fitch treasurer
Sept 2 to Abiel Tapet for boarding the school
mistress 11 weeks - - - - - \$11
- 2 to Samuel Heathwell for paying the school
mistress for eleven weeks schooling - - - - - \$12
- 2 to Mary Stearns for teaching school 4 weeks - - - - - \$4
- 2 to Miss Abby Stearns for teaching school 4 weeks - - - - - \$4
- 2 to Timothy Jones Esq for boarding school mistress 8 weeks - - - - - \$8
- 2 to Elizabeth Stearns for teaching school 8 weeks
and boarding herself - - - - - \$17
- 2 to William Maxwell for wood to the school - - - - - \$1
- 2 to Nathl. Wyman for boarding the wid Goodell
- sell 17 weeks at 7/8 per week in full to - - - - - \$21
- 2 to William Maxwell for this date
Tax that he worked out - - - - -
- 2 to James C Jones for support of Mrs. Tapet in part - - - - - \$1
- 2 to James C. Jones for support of Mrs. Tapet in full - - - - - \$2
- October 11 to Miss Elizabeth Stearns for teaching
at school in the North quarter 8 weeks - - - - - \$4
- 11 to Saron Bloodgett for boarding the school
mistress 8 weeks - - - - - \$4
- 11 to William Merriam for boarding the wid Goodell
and for money expended on the Carlisle affair - - - - - \$6
- 25 to Phineas Chamberlain for hinges to the bar-
ring gate and also for mending two sets of axills - - - - - \$5
- 28 to Capt. Webber for money paid to Bigelow
and for his service on the Carlisle affair - - - - - \$9
- Nov. 11 to Oliver Pollard for mending
the windows in the meeting house - - - - - \$1
- 11 to William Merriam for three days atten-
dant at Cambridge and money paid on the Carlisle road - - - - - \$17
- 15 to Thaddeus Fitch in part for supporting
the wid Goodell from Sept last - - - - - \$3
- December 6 to William Maxwell for paying the
schoolmistress for seven weeks tuition in 1799 - - - - - \$8
- 9 to John Webber jun for boarding the schoolmistress
seven weeks in 1799 - - - - - \$7
- 16 to Dr. B. Norton for two days attendance at
Cambridge Court on the Carlisle road - - - - - \$2
- 16 to Moses Fitch for two days attendance at
Cambridge Court on the Carlisle road - - - - - \$2
- 16 to Thompson Down for furnishing & repairing
the Carlisle bridge, 1 dollar and for repairing
the school house 1.25 & 38 cent - - - - - \$2
- 16 to William Merriam for his attendance at Court - - - - - \$2
- 16 to Capt Goodridge for repairing the Carlisle road - - - - - \$2
- 16 to Col. Jones for his services at the court, repair-
ing the Carlisle road - - - - - \$7
- 16 to Simeon Parker for boarding Sagar & Eben - - - - - \$3
- 16 to Capt. Murray meeting in full - - - - - \$3
- 16 to Capt. Webber for his attendance two days at
Court and money paid on Carlisle road - - - - - \$10
- 16 to Capt. Webber for the statement of John S. Rogers
Esq. 1.74 Nathan Ames 2.74 Nathan Shilton - - - - - \$5

Order drawn on Moses Fitch, headmaster 1799 88
 December 30 To Thaddeus Fitch for boarding the
 wid. Goodell, in part to this Date 15 00
 January 9, 1800 to David Lane for work done
 to the School house 0 67
 3 to Capt. Webber for his services as Collector
 in the year 1798 - 20 Dols; and for the
 abatement of Jonathan Balls taxes 1. 58
 also the abatement of Wm. Kemps. taxes 1. 32 22 90
 2 to Elijah Stearns for the abatement of several
 taxes of individuals set in his list. 2 49
 February 17 to Bradley Bower for plank and
 work done on the Carville bridge. 2 50
 10 to Thaddeus Fitch in part for supporting wid. Goodell 67
 7 to John Page for repairing the old School
 house in the middle of the town 2 60
 4 to Dr. Spilston for one days Service at morn-
 ing quick posts 11 00
 26 to Mr. William Webber for nine days Service
 as a supervisor and Selectman 9 00
 8 to Mr. Thompson Bower for this Service
 as an assessor ten days 10 00
 28 to Capt. Reed for the Selectmens Expenses at
 his house in the year 1799 2 94
 8 to Capt. Reed for the expenses of several
 Committees of D. town at his house 6 41
 8 to Moses Fitch for his service as treasurer 8 50
 8 to Mr. Benja. Bacon the sum of three Dollars 33
 for plank for the Carville bridge 3 33
 8 to Moses Fitch for ten feet of wood to y. School 4 00
 8 to Matthew Pollard for boarding the Schoolmaster
 five weeks in 1799 9 00
 8 to Oliver Reed jr for repairing the Southwick
 Schoolhouse. 1799 1 75
 8 to William Merriam for his Service as town Clerk the
 last year and for nine days Service as an assessor 22 35
 8 to William Merriam for one cord of wood to the School
 and for one days Service as an assessor 4 65
 8 to Mr. Thapson for duck in the towns grove 6 25
 8 to Rhine Chamberlain for one cord of wood to the middle 3 34
 8 to James Lane for two cords of wood to the School 6 50
 8 to John Reed jr for boarding the Schoolmaster 6 weeks 9 00
 8 to John Webber jr for boarding the Schoolmaster 6 weeks 9 00
 8 to Capt. Reed for one cord of wood to the South School 3 34
 8 to James Gleason for one cord of wood to the South School 3 34
 March 3 to Thomas Dean for supporting his sail
 boom for fifteen weeks at 50 per week in full to this date 15 00
 8 to James C. Jones for supporting wid. Thapson in part 11 50
 8 to James C. Jones for supporting wid. Thapson in part 10 50
 8 to James C. Jones for supporting wid. Thapson in full to
 this date 16 60
 8 to John Lane on John Jones account for the
 land the town had of Thomas Page to enlarge Common 6 25
 8 to Thomas Page to enlarge the town had of 16 00

43 Orders drawn on Moses Fitch Treasurer.
 March 10 1800 to Capt Wm Goodridge for warn-
 ing a town meeting, in February last + 1
 10 to Capt Webber for paying Henry Abbot for Boarding
 the militia company doorkeney 22 February last + 3
 10 to Simon Badley on Trade Fitches account for M^r Goodell + 2
 10 to H. Bradley Bowers on Trade Fitches account for Sup-
 porting the wid Goodell to this date in full of all amounts + 4
 22 to ~~John~~ John Wright for teaching Schools
 sixteen weeks, viz, 6 weeks in the middle of the
 town and also in the East & South District. — + 63
 25 to Wm Merriam for attending the Court two days
 at Concord term in March 1800 — + 2
 25 to Capt Webber for money paid Bigelow and
 for cost of court — &c — + 18
 25 to Thomas Dean for a year of M^{rs} to Abigail John + 1
 25 to Thomas Dean for supporting Abigail
 Johnson in full to this date — + 9
 27 to Stephen Lane for a cord of wood delivered to
 the Rev M^r Stearns — — — + 6
 27 to Samuel Lane's for four cord of wood delivered to
 the Rev M^r Stearns. — — — + 13
 27 to W^m Henry Abbot for four cord of wood to the Rev M^r Stearns + 38
 27 to Charles Wheeler for teaching School 12 weeks — + 42
 27 to Lieut Bowers for boarding the School master 6 weeks
 and one cord of oak wood to the School — + 11
 27 to Capt Abner Stearns for one cord of pine wood to
 the West School — — — + 3
 27 to John Davis for one cord of pine wood to the South School + 3
 27 to John Merriam for boarding the School master 6 weeks + 9
 27 to Reuben Reed for four feet of wood to South School. + 1
 April 8 to M^r Thompson Bacon for taking care of
 the meeting house 18 of the last year; and 6 for take-
 ing a plan of the road to Lawrence in Lexington + 4
 10 to Nathl Brown on M^r Chamberlain's account
 for wood to M^r Stearns — — — + 10
 10 to Wincham Chamberlain for four cord of wood
 to M^r Stearns and one foot to the School in full + 3
 May 2 to M^r Jonas Gyles for four cord of wood
 to M^r Stearns 13. 33 and five feet for the School 13 8
 2 to Henry Abbot for four cord of wood to M^r Stearns + 38
 7 to M^r Thad^s Fitch in part for supporting
 the wid Goodell — — — + 2
 7 to M^r Thad^s Fitch for supporting the wid
 Goodell in full to the fifth instant — + 5
 26 to William Merriam for clothing to Abigail
 Johnson — — — + 9
 26 to Moses Fitch for two days attendance
 at Court in the Cowdise affair — — + 2
 June 9 to James E. Jones for boarding the
 wid Thayer to the 5 of May last in full — + 8
 28 to Luke Lane on Thad^s Fitches account for
 boarding the wid Goodell in part — + 3
 28 to Thad^s Fitch in full for boarding the wid Goodell + 5
 July 7 to Capt Page for the wife of this town + 2

August 25th 1799 Received of M^r. Moses
Titch treasurer of the town of Bedford
the sum of Seven Hundred and fifty
eight Dollars & thirty ~~five~~ cents in
part of his charge \$758.30

January 13th 1800 Received of Moses Titch
treasurer of the town of Bedford the sum of
Two Hundred and Ninety five Dollars and
thirty three cents in part of his charge 296.33

May 26th 1800 Received of M^r. Moses Titch
treasurer of the town of Bedford the sum
of Seven Hundred and Seventy nine Dollars
and fifty nine cents in part of his charge \$779.59

January 22th 1801 Received of Moses Titch Treasurer
the sum of Five Hundred and Ninety three Dollars
and thirty cents in part of his charge \$593.30

June 1st 1801 Received of M^r. Moses Titch
Treasurer for the town the sum of Six Hundred
and fifteen Dollars & Nineteen cents in part
of his charge — — \$615.19

January 20th 1802 Received of M^r. Moses Titch
treasurer for the town of Bedford the sum of Four
Hundred and forty three Dollars & twenty nine cents \$443.29

July 5th 1802 Received of M^r. Moses Titch Treas-
urer for the town of Bedford the sum of Nine
Hundred and thirty one Dollars and fifteen cents
in part of his charge — — \$931.15

Bedford March 4th 1803 Received of M^r. Moses
Titch treasurer in order & the sum of four hundred
and eighty Dollars & thirty five cents in part of charge \$480.35

July 4 day A.D. 1803 Received of M^r. Moses
Titch treasurer of the town of Bedford in order
and receipt the sum of twelve Hundred and one
Dollars & fifty nine cents in part of his charge 1201.59

January 2nd A.D. 1804 Received of M^r.
Moses Titch treasurer in order & the
sum of four Hundred and thirty Dollars
and fifty nine cents in part of his charge 430.59

May 28th 1804 Received of M^r. Moses Titch
in order and receipt the sum of one thousand
& ninety Dollars & fifty one ^{cents} in part \$1090.51

February 18th 1805 Received of M^r. Moses
Titch Treasurer in order & receipt the sum
of two Hundred & ninety nine Dollars & ninety
six cents in part of his charge — — \$299.96

order drawn on Moses Smith treasurer
August 14. 1800 to Capt Moore for making
thirteen rods of wall, viz 6 rods on Capt Pades
account, & 6 rods on John Merriam account
on Mr. Samuel Heartwell, road
25 to William Merriam for one journey to Fitchburg
and passing Abigail Johnson for another jour-
ney to said town, and also for boarding her
Danforth 26 days
25 to Elizabeth C. Whitney for teaching the South
School 8 weeks at one Dollar and 16 cents per week
25 to William Merriam for boarding the School mistress
8 weeks at one Dollar & 16 cent per week
25 to Mr. James C. Jones for supporting the
wid. ~~Heartwell~~ 16 weeks to this date
25 to John Reed jun for topping off the wall
around the burying ground, and mowing
the brush in D. ground
Sept 22 to Mr. Benj. Bacon for a pair of bot-
ten and linnen, sent for Benj. Danforth
22 to Thomas Dean for supporting Abigail
Johnson in part unto this date
22 to Thomas Dean for supporting Abigail
Johnson in full unto this date
27 to Mr. Matthew Smith for supporting the w.
Heartwell in full to the 12 day of ~~August~~
October 6 to Capt. Abner Stearns for four cords of
wood to the Rev. Samuel Stearns for the last year
6 to John Webster jun for boarding the School mistress
6 to Judah Woodard for boarding the School mistress
6 to the Rev. Mr. Stearns for boarding the School mistress
6 to Elizabeth Stearns for teaching School 16 weeks
6 to Elizabeth Stearns for boarding her self 8 weeks
6 to Molly Stearns for teaching School 8 weeks
20 to Mr. Moses Smith for boarding the
School mistress, & also to Abis C.
6 to Elizabeth Colburn for teaching School
nine weeks in 1800
20 to John Webster jun for boarding the School
mistress one week
20 to Capt. Webster for money paid to Ben-
jamin Danforth for Fitchburg
18 to Samuel Merriam for his horse Fitchburg to Fitch-
burg Benjamin Danforth to this town
3 to Mr. David Aline for repairing the school
house in the middle of the town
5 to Rev. Davis for the abatement of his taxes for
what he paid at Corn Bridge church
18 to Capt. John Moore for 12 rods of wall on the
Heartwell road
18 to Capt. Bacon for support of the militia com-
missioner at Fitchburg
18 to the same for the gate to the burying yard
18 to the same for 6 rods of wall on Heartwell road
18 to Luke Lane for work done on the far little road

Nov^r 27th 1799 Committed unto Capt John Webber
collector for the Town a State & County tax
the sum of three Hundred & nine Dollars \$309.33
to pay to y^e State treasurer 225.00
to pay to y^e County treasurer 64.36
to the Town treasurer 19.97

December 13th 1799 committed unto Capt John
Webber collector the town tax for the present
year the sum of Six Hundred & twenty Doll
ars and Six by one cent \$620.61

February 26th 1800 Committed unto Capt John
Webber collector the arrears of the Highway tax
dated April 6th 1799 - the sum of 6.86
and also the sum of one Dollar & forty six cents overrun
in a former tax 1.46

June 27th 1800 Committed unto John Webber jun^r
collector for the town of Bedford the minister tax
the sum of four Hundred & thirty seven Dollars & 34 cents \$437.34

November 18th 1800 Committed unto John Webber jun^r
collector the State and County Tax for the present
year the sum of three Hundred & fifty seven Dollars
and twenty five cents \$357.26

December 5th 1800 Committed unto John Webber
a Town tax the sum of \$715.35

February 28th 1801 Committed unto John Webber
collector the arrears of the Highway Tax dated April
- 23th 1800 the sum of \$3.86

June 27th 1801 Committed unto John Webber
collector for the town the minister the sum of
four Hundred & 27 Dollars & 78 cents \$427.78

November 28th 1801 Committed unto John Webber
collector for the town; the State and County tax
the sum of three Hundred & forty three Dollars \$343.67
to pay to the State treasurer 225 Dollars
to the County treasurer 106.32
to the Town treasurer 11.85

December 23th 1801 Committed unto John Webber
collector the town State the sum of five Hundred and
thirty two Dollars & fifty two cents \$532.52

February 26th 1802 Committed unto John Webber
collector the arrears of the Highway tax \$6.87

June 16th 1802 Committed unto John Reed y^e 3^d Collector a
part of the Rev^d Mr. Mearns salary the sum of \$177.51.0

November 13th 1802 Committed unto John Reed y^e 3^d
the State and County tax the sum of \$296.01
to pay to the State treasurer 190.66
to pay to the County treasurer 98.79
to the Town treasurer 7.56

December 31st 1802 committed unto John Reed y^e 3^d
the town tax the sum of 1573.63
and also the arrears of the Highway tax dated
April 29th 1802 the sum of 14.53

Bedford. August 7th 1784

This Day took of M^r William Meriam
Town Treasurer, six Pounds Twelve Shillings and
Six Pence in full for my Salary, which was due
to me on. May 22 1783

Joseph Penniman

Bedford July 2^d 1789 This Day reciev^d of M^r
Samuel Lane one Hundred thirty three Pounds
six Shillings & Eight Pence for Two Years Salary
1789

Bedford July 2^d 1789 This Day reciev^d of M^r William
Meriam one Hundred thirty three Pounds six Shillings
and Eight Pence for two Years Salary. Penniman
1789

Bedford April 28th 1791 This Day reciev^d
of the Town Treasurer, in full for my Salary
which was due to me May 22 1790

Penniman

March 25th 1793 This Day reciev^d of the Town Treasurer
the full Sum of Money for my Salary for 3 years 1791
1792 - Penniman

Bedford June 27th 1797. —

Received of M^r. Moses Fitch, Town Treasurer, seven hundred and fifty eight Dollars, thirty three Cents & three Mills. Said sum being my salary in full from April 27th 1796 to April 27th 1797, and half the sum voted me by said town, as a settlement with them in the ministry. —

Samuel Stearns

Bedford May 2nd 1798.

This day settled with M^r. Moses Fitch, Town Treasurer, & received of him in behalf of the Town, seven hundred & fifty eight dollars, & thirty three Cents; said sum being my salary in full from April 27th 1797, to April 27th 1798; & the other half of the sum voted me by the Town, as a settlement with them in the ministry. —

Samuel Stearns.

Bedford February 7th 1799.

I hereby Certify, that I have received twenty cords of good merchantable wood of the Committee, appointed by the Town, for the purpose of procuring my wood for the present year. —

Samuel Stearns.

Bedford June 6th 1799.

This day settled with M^r. Moses Fitch, Town Treasurer, and received of him three hundred & thirty three dollars, & thirty three cents; said sum being my salary in full from April 27th 1798 to April 27th 1799. —

Samuel Stearns.

Bedford May 19th 1800.

This day settled with M^r. Moses Fitch, Town Treasurer, and received of him in behalf of the town, three hundred & thirty three dollars & thirty three cents. Also received of the town twenty cords of wood; said wood & money being my salary in full for the year, beginning April 27th 1799 & ending April 27th 1800. —

Samuel Stearns.

Bedford May 29th 1801. -
This ^{day} settled with the Town, & received three hundred & thirty three
dollars, & thirty three cents. - also twenty cords of wood - paid none
& wood being my salary in full, for the year beginning April 27th
1800, and ending April 27th 1801. - Samuel Stearns. -

Bedford June 24th 1802. -
This day settled with the Town, and received my salary for
the year, beginning April 27th 1801. and ending April 27th 1802
in full. - Samuel Stearns. -

Bedford July 4th 1803. -
This day settled with the Town, and received my salary
in full for the year, beginning April 27th 1802, and
ending April 27th 1803. - Samuel Stearns

Bedford July 7th 1804. -
This day settled with the town, and received my salary in full for
the year beginning April 27th 1803 and ending April 27th 1804
Samuel Stearns. -

Bedford June 21st 1805. -
This day settled with the town, and received my salary for the
year, beginning April 27th 1804 and ending April 27th 1805.
in full. - Samuel Stearns. -

Bedford Sept 2nd 1806 -
This day settled with the town, and received my salary for the
year, beginning April 27th 1805 and ending April 27th 1806, in
full. - Samuel Stearns. -

Bedford July 6th 1807 -
This ^{day} settled with the town, and received my salary for the
year beginning April 27th 1806 and ending April 27th 1807
in full. - Samuel Stearns. -

Nancy Gooden from Boston taken in by Thompson & Bacon as a Nurse child May 10th 1791
Sarah Tillingham from Billerica taken in by Jonathan Lane
July 1791 an apprentice girl with her is eighteen years old
Keziah Foster from Andover taken in by Job Lane
September 13th 1791
An infant from Andover taken in by Job Lane
in October 1790.
Elizabeth Nichols taken in by Samuel Lane and from Carlisle May 1792
Patty Skinner taken in by Capt. Chief Page from Woburn Feb^y 1794
Abigail Mallet taken in by Francis Bowman from Billerica March 1794
Polly Studen taken in by Dr. Amariah Prentiss in
February 1798 from Woburn, ~~she~~ aged 11 years and
10 months born in the town of Dorchester

Bedford July 4th 1808. -

This day settled with the town Treasurers & received my salary for
the year beginning April 27th 1807 and ending April 27th 1808.
in full -

Samuel Stearns

Bedford June 30th 1809 -

This day settled with the town Treasurers & received my salary
for the year beginning April 27 - 1808 and ending April 27 - 1809
in full. -

Samuel Stearns

Bedford July 2nd 1810 -

This day settled with the town Treasurers & rec^d my salary for
the year beginning April 27 - 1809 and ending April 27 - 1810
in full. -

Samuel Stearns

Bedford July 1st 1811 -

This day settled with the town Treasurers & rec^d my salary
for the year beginning April 27 - 1810 & ending April 27th
1811 in full. -

Samuel Stearns

Hannah Gotten with her child George Hickeyson from Boston
 taken in by the wid Sarah Lane August 14th 1790
 Edward Taylor from ~~Litchburg~~ Bellisica taken in by Elizabeth
 April 26th 1790 son of Thomas Taylor of Litchburg
 April 26th 1791 Son of Fairwell of Litchburg taken in by
 John Reed - - - -
 Mary Spalding of Chelmsford taken in by Madeline Davis April 9th 1791
 Joseph Park with his wife ^{and} family viz his son William Park & Joseph
 & Nathan Park all sons of the above said Joseph Park, daughter of the said
 Joseph & Ann Park his wife viz Ann Park & Catherine Park all
 taken in by Jonas Gleason from Woburn April 17th day 1792
 Hannah Winship from Lexington taken in by Richard Winship
 June 4th 1792 - - -
 William Goodrich from weatherfield in Vermont State
 taken in by Francis Bowman February 1792
 William Marshall with his wife Sarah & her children viz son William
 & daughter Rebekah Francis Bowman & Sarah all children of the above
 taken in by his wife - - -
 Nathaniel Brown from Salt Ash in Vermont State taken in by Thomas
 Page April 13th 1793 - - -
 American Blodget from Lexington taken in by Flag Bacon Decr 14th 1792
 Huldry Howard from Woburn taken in by Samuel Hattwell May 8th 1793
 Abraham Muiam son of Abraham from
 taken in by Thompson Bacon April 1th 1793
 Jonas Brigham from Peabody in New Hampshire taken in
 by David Page June 14th 1793 - - -
 Hannah Evans from Woburn taken in by Samuel Hattwell
 the 7th of July 1793
 Abithur Johnson with his wife Sarah Johnson from Woburn
 taken in by Oliver Bacon about the 30th of April 1793 son
 in the summer season in the same year Joseph & Levi Johnson of
 came from Woburn to Bedford to live with P. Abithur Johnson
 1793 John Red from Woburn 14th day of July 1793 taken in by John Webb

Baker Britton from Carlisle Taken in by Zibedane May 16th 1786

Jonathan Dandoth from Hitchburg Taken in by Zibedane Sept. 2th 1786

Jacob Crossby from Billerica Taken in by Zibedane April 4th 1787

Sonors Hill with two children viz Eliza Hill and Samuel Hill
Taken in by Sonors Hill from Billerica Sept. 12th 1788

Jonathan Thomas Taylor from Ensbury Taken in by
Jonathan Lane in April the 10th 1788

David Wyman & his wife Lucy Wyman with their children Sall Wyman
David Palmer; Samuel, William; Rufus & Eliza all children of the
abovesaid David & Lucy Wyman — Taken in by Sonors Gleason &

Oliver from Woburn the 28 Day of May 1788

William Caldwell & wife Edith Caldwell with his children viz William Caldwell
Edith, Joseph, Samuel: Polle Taken in by John Webster from Concord by an
agreement with said Caldwell by P. Webster the 20th Day of April 1788

James Soltingham from Billerica Taken in by Thaddeus Davis 10th of Dec. 1788

Sarah Reed from Billerica Taken in by William Matwell 13 February 1789
wid of Nauben Reed

Soriana Skinner about six years of age from Woburn Taken in by
Capt. Christopher Page June 4th 1789

Isaac Currier from Billerica 12 years old in October Taken in by
Thompson Bacon the 18 Day of October 1789

Mannah Cartwright Taken in by Jonathan Lane from Boston
February 4th 22th 1790

Jonathan Page Taken in by Jonathan Lane from Carlisle May 4th 1790

~~Widjet Taken in by Thomas Page February~~
Ruth — Wlodget Taken in by Thomas Page from
Woburn February the 17th 1790

John Hosmer with his wife Anna Hosmer with four children viz
Christophe Hosmer, Castille, Patti & Anna from Hittsburg in the
County of Worcester Taken in by Abner Pennaman April 2th 1790

William Cutler from Woburn Taken in by Oliver Reed
John Currier from Billerica Taken in by John Reed April 17th 1790
August 4th 1789

Mary Lawrence ^{from} Carlisle Taken in by Moses Fitch April 26th 1790

Samson Spaldwin from Chelmsford Taken in by Benjamin
Hulkinson April 29th 1790

Mary Langdon & Huldah Greeno from Boston Taken in by
David Page or Borden October 4th 27th 1790

Abie Pitson daughter of Thomas Pitson of Ashby Taken in by
James Wright April 4th 1790 Juvenile Girl

William Johnson Lawrence Son of Jonathan Lawrence of Ashby
taken as an apprentice from Ashby by D. James Wright April 12th 1790
caused over

John Cotton of Plymouth taken in by the Rev. Joseph
Pennaman to school May y. 15: 1788 aged 10 years

John Clerk of Boston taken in by J. Rev. Joseph Pennaman
to school May y. 6: 1790 aged 12 years

Maria ^{Thompson} of Lexington taken in by William Martwell
from Woburn April ²⁵ 1791

Mary Pruitt from Winstown taken in by wid Elizabeth
Bacon November 23th 1791

Mary Thompson a poor child from Woburn taken in by
Thompson Bacon June y. : 1791

Pattie Skinner came in to ^{town} from Woburn February 18th 1794
taken in by Capt. Page

George Trask, came in to town from Lexington in March 1794

Nabby Reed, came in to town from Lexington in March or April 1794

Polly Tobe a child came to town July 22th 1794 from
taken in by Ensign John Lane

Saley Cole came to town April 3th 1794 from Newbury
taken in by Mrs. Tabet

Esther Walker taken in by Simeon Parker October
1794 from

Joseph Stearns came to town from Billerica Mar
25th 1795 with his wife and three children nam

taken in by Stephen La

... and ... delivered to ... year 1770
Congregational oath Page 324 & Collector oath
... of ... - 318

Town clerk's oath

You swear, that in the office of Town Clerk within
the Town of Bedford, whereto you are chosen; you will
diligently and faithfully attend and discharge the
duty of your place, and duly observe the direction of the
Law in all things whereto your office hath relation
and thereby committed to your care and trust —

To help your God

Common oath
For Surveyors
Scalors; &c.
He

You swear that you will from time
to time diligently and faithfully
Discharge ~~and~~ and execute the office
of Surveyor within the limits that
whereto (you) shall be appointed for
the ensuing year) and untill other be
chosen in your place, and that in and by
all the Particulars mentioned in the Laws
whereto your office hath relation, and
that you will do therein impartially
according to Law, without Fear or Favour

To help your God

an act to prevent Riots Page 225 to be read at ...
An act in observance of the Lords day Page 198

Nothing man's oath

You AB being chosen Nothing man for one year
next ensuing; and untill other be chosen and sworn
in your stead, Do swear, that you will faithfully
indever and intend the duty of your office —

To help your God

The first of these is the
 fact that the population of
 the country is increasing
 rapidly. This is due to
 the fact that the country
 is fertile and the people
 are industrious. The
 second fact is that the
 country is rich in natural
 resources. This is due to
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This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly grainy texture and is covered with numerous small, dark brown spots, possibly foxing or dirt. There are also faint, irregular smudges and discolorations scattered across the surface, giving it an old and worn appearance. The overall tone is a warm, off-white or light beige.

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[Faint, illegible handwritten text]

Crows heads Belong to John Wilber		year 1790	
Aaron Simonds by two old crows heads	2	+	
William Hartwell by four young crows heads	4	+	
+ John Meriam by one	1	+	
+ Stephen Muth by three	3		Sept June
+ Moses Abbott by two	2	+	head for old
+ Luke Lane by three	3	+	and young
+ John Jones by 5	5	+	crow head
+ Joseph Hartwell by 3	3	+	1790
James Hutchinson	1	+	
Nathan Whit two crows heads	2	+	
David Lane	1	+	
+ Oliver Pollard one ditto	1	+	
+ Joseph Hartwell	1	+	
March 22 nd 1791			
+ James Simonds by one old crows head	1	+	do crows head
Aaron Simonds by two old crows heads	2	+	young ditto 16
+ David Xacir by four young crows heads	4	+	
May 25 th 1791 Ruben Reid two young crows heads	2	+	
+ Aaron Simonds by two crows heads 4 old crows & 2 young ones	6	+	
+ Simeon Tharner one old crows head & three young ones	4	+	
+ Samuel Fowle by one old crows head	1	+	
January 20 th 1792 Benjamin Wheeler by two old crows heads	2	+	
+ to Eleazer Davis by two old crows heads	2	+	
January 23 rd 1792 James Wilber by one old crows head	1	+	
March 4 th 1792 James by one old crows head	1	+	head
+ David Brown one old crows head	1	+	do crows head
+ William Pennaman minor by four young crows heads	4	+	do crows head
May 17 th 1792 Caliph Whit one young crows head do 6	1	+	do crows head
+ Moses Simonds by three young crows heads	3	+	do crows head
24 th 1792 Thaddeus Davis 4 young crows heads do 4	4	+	do crows head
June 22 nd John Ross three crows heads	3	+	
William Hartwell two old crows heads	2	+	
July 2 nd Tharner one old crows head do	1	+	
October 8 th 1792 Eleazer Davis 2 old crows heads	2	+	
Alancy William Hartwell one old crows head	1	+	
May 29 th 1793 James Gleason one old crows head	1	+	
Hannah Evans from Woburn taken in by			
1793 William Page one crows head	1	+	
Nathan Hartwell two old crows heads	2	+	
one old crows head to Eleazer Davis	1	+	

